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Maccabi Tel Aviv coach Dror Kashtan celebrates after his team clinched the National League soccer title with a 1-0 victory yesterday over Beitar Jerusalem at Bloomfield Stadium. Story, Page 9.

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Senators demand Covenant clarification

Jerusalem Post Staff

A GROUP of 17 US senators and congressmen have written to Secretary of State Warren Christopher asking for clarifications concerning the vote by the Palestinian National Council to revoke sections of the Palestinian Covenant calling for Israel's destruction.

The May 3 letter from three senators and 14 congressmen, made public on Friday, expresses "confusion" over whether the PNC had actually revoked the charter in its April 24 session in Gaza.

"Our confusion arises at first because there are, at a minimum, two competing versions of the 'official text' of the resolution ultimately adopted by the PNC," the congressmen write. The letter goes on to state that, "Both versions, however, fail in three critical respects." These are that they both fail to take immedi-

ate action, refer to no specific action, and put off a final vote on the changes by the PNC.

Additionally, the congressmen point out that "the resolution sets no affirmative timetable for the redrafting of the Charter. Conceivably, the redrafting could extend beyond the May 7th deadline imposed under MEPPA [Middle East Peace Facilitation Act of 1995], thus endangering the continuation of US aid to the Palestinian Authority."

The legislators assert it is their "duty to ensure that US tax dollars are spent only on support for groups and organizations which have truly renounced and rejected terrorism."

Referring to the wording of the MEPPA

law, the letter to Christopher also asserts the importance of specific, rather than general, articles being revoked by the PNC.

"Note that the law requires that 'the articles' must be effectively disavowed and thereby nullified ... A generalized statement by the PNC, or a statement which does not refer to specific Articles that are in fact revoked, is therefore not sufficient to meet the conditions of assistance as provided for in MEPPA."

The signatories to the letter are Senators Alfonso D'Amato, Jon Kyl, and Larry Craig and Congressmen Jim Saxton, Benjamin Gilman, Dick Zimmer, Michael Forbes, Robert Andrews, Dan Burton, Sonny Bono, David McIntosh, Matt Salmon, Christopher Smith, Peter King, David Funderburk, Steve Chabot, and Donald Manzullo.

3-way summit in Cairo today

News agencies

A THREE-WAY summit between PA leader Yasser Arafat, Jordan's King Hussein and Egyptian President Hosni Mubarak will take place today in Cairo.

The three are expected to coordinate their positions regarding the final status talks that have begun with Israel.

Arafat, fighting off the flu, convened his cabinet yesterday to begin the defining of the new government's main tasks, but refrained from naming ministerial posts.

Tayeb Abd el Rahim, secretary general of Arafat's presidential office said in a statement that Arafat felt it was necessary to hold the first meeting of the new government despite "a bad personal situation," because it followed the first assembly of the Palestine National Council in "the Palestinian homeland."

"It is necessary for us to have unity and work together," Arafat told his new cabinet, which he named earlier in the week.

Yesterday the Cabinet appointed a committee of eight of its members to write a work program for the new government.

Cabinet member Jamil Tarif said after the meeting the new program will lay out the economic and political guidelines to "build our country."

Meshulam, followers to be split up

RAINE MARCUS

THE Prisons Service will transfer Uzi Meshulam from Ramle's Ayalon Prison to Shata Prison, near Afule, this morning as part of a new policy to break the morale and hunger strike of Meshulam and his followers.

Several of Meshulam's supporters were moved to different prisons last week. Prisons Service officials and police intend to split

up the group, which constantly launches riots and refuse to obey prison rules despite preferential treatment granted to them to keep the peace.

The remaining seven prisoners at Ayalon Prison can expect to be moved around the country this week. They were initially jailed together following a High Court order.

The group has been on a hunger strike for nearly two weeks but Meshulam only joined them four days ago.

Following a court order given by Tel Aviv District Court Judge Sarah Sirota last week, two of

his followers, Noam Akbas and Sinai Hasson, were force-fed with an infusion of glucose and salt.

Meshulam and his followers are constantly examined by Prisons Service doctors, who are verbally abused by the group, all of whom are in solitary confinement for rioting.

"The Prisons Service is responsible for the group's health and well-being and will not let them endanger their own lives," said Prisons Service spokesman Moshe Malul. "Therefore we filed a special request with the court to give us permission to force-feed if necessary, in spite of the groups' objections."

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Levine: We'll force Hizbullah to comply with understandings

SLA soldier killed in roadside bomb attack

THE IDF will force Hizbullah to respect the understandings it agreed to following Operation Grapes of Wrath if the latter does not do so, OC Northern Command Maj.-Gen. Amiram Levine said over the weekend.

Levine, quoted by Middle East Television apparently during a visit to the zone, was further quoted as saying that the IDF would respond to Hizbullah attacks even if they were launched from villages north of the zone.

A South Lebanon Army soldier was killed in a Hizbullah roadside bomb attack on Friday, the second such incident in 24 hours. Reports from Lebanon said the soldier was on foot not far from his outpost in the Jezzine enclave when an explosive device was detonated alongside him, apparently by remote control.

Jezzine, a large Christian town, is north of the security zone but is controlled by soldiers loyal to SLA commander Gen. Antoine Lahad. The soldier was critically wounded and evacuated to Haifa's Rambam Hospital where he died.

Reports from the zone said SLA troops were on operational duties in the Jezzine area when the device was detonated.

"A short while later, gunmen opened fire at SLA positions in the zone's eastern sector, sparking return fire by IDF and SLA

gunners. There were no casualties in that incident.

Hizbullah claimed responsibility for the incidents on Friday, as well as the roadside bomb blast near the Beaufort Castle, inside the zone, on Thursday. Two SLA soldiers were wounded in that incident, one seriously.

IDF and SLA gunners also pounded suspected Hizbullah positions north of the zone in response to Thursday's bomb blast. Hizbullah announced on Friday that none of its men had been killed in the shooting.

The organization's operations on Thursday and Friday followed an abortive roadside bomb attack earlier last week and two shooting incidents since the understandings that ended Operation Grapes of Wrath.

The attacks are seen as a clear statement of intent by Hizbullah's fighting arm, the Islamic Resistance, to resume activities against IDF and SLA targets in the zone.

According to the agreement between Israel and the US, however, the IDF has the right to self-defense in cases of attacks on IDF troops or the SLA in the security zone.

In Washington, the opening forum of a five-nation panel met Friday to discuss guidelines for the committee that will monitor the Operation Grapes of Wrath cease-fire.

Israeli officials reported satis-

faction with the "very open" discussions and said Itamar Rabinovich and Walid Mualem, the respective Israeli and Syrian ambassadors, ate lunch together during the meeting. It was the first time the two met since Jerusalem-Damascus peace talks were recessed indefinitely following the bus bombings in Israel.

US special Middle East coordinator Dennis Ross chaired the forum that consisted of the four ambassadors. Rabinovich was joined by Oded Ehrlich, an aide to Israel's coordinator on Lebanon Uri Lubrani.

Rabinovich later met at the embassy with the French Foreign Ministry's Middle East director Dennis Bouchard, the official said.

In related developments, Prime Minister Shimon Peres yesterday called on Syria and Lebanon to join peace talks with Israel.

"After so many years of strife and enmity I would say to our neighbors who have yet to come to the table of peace, namely Syria and Lebanon: I dedicate this nation to the policy of the good neighbor. Come, let us talk," Peres said via satellite to a human rights award ceremony in the Netherlands.

Syria accused Israel yesterday of trying to make the Lebanon truce committee an alternative to peace talks with Beirut and Damascus. It urged the US to call for a speedy resumption of the negotiations.

Labor, Likud broadcasts to 'take gloves off'

MICHAEL YUDELMAN and SARAH HONIG

LABOR'S campaign strategists intend to "take off the gloves" this week and attack Likud leader Binyamin Netanyahu more aggressively in the party's campaign broadcasts.

The Likud also announced that it would begin to step up its attacks on Prime Minister Shimon Peres. Labor's campaign directors expressed satisfaction with the "successful effect" of their campaign broadcasts attacking Netanyahu at the end of last week and promised more surprises this week.

The coming broadcasts will demonstrate Netanyahu's "inadequacy" for the role of prime minister, present his plans to "take the IDF back to Gaza" and show his participation in the incitement which preceded Rabin's assassination.

One clip, prepared as a response to the Likud's broadcast on the terrorist attack, will expose documents that prove Iran's efforts to topple Peres's government by means of mass terrorist attacks.

Labor's campaign heads Ministers Haim Ramon, Ehud Barak and Binyamin Ben-Eliezer said that the horror pictures of terrorist attacks shown in last week's Likud broadcasts served the purpose of the terrorist organizations and their sponsor, Iran.

In response to the Likud's clip of Peres with Yasser Arafat, Labor is considering showing that Netanyahu, according to his own statements, will continue the peace process and talk to Arafat. Labor's broadcasts will show clips

of Netanyahu, Ariel Sharon and Rafi Eitan attacking Rabin before the assassination, including a clip of Netanyahu speaking at the demonstration in which a poster of Rabin in SS uniform was held up.

Labor also intends to make use of the late premier Menachem Begin to ridicule the Likud broadcast of last week, which presented Netanyahu as Begin's successor.

Likud information drive chief Limor Livnat said that Labor was "finally forced into the Likud's court and had to play the ball the Likud threw it. We finally got Labor - despite itself - to react to our arguments about Jerusalem and the Golan, both issues Labor is seeking desperately to sweep under the carpet."

Livnat watched the third round in the war of the TV political commercials at the Likud studios in Neve Ilan last night with MK Dan Meridor, in charge of the party strategy team.

According to both Livnat and Meridor, the Labor reaction came in the form of unconvincing low-brow slogans.

An official Likud communiqué released after yesterday's broadcast accused Labor of "continuing to sling mud personally at Binyamin Netanyahu in a vain attempt to dodge the issues. The campaign of personal slight and slander is proof of the fact that Labor is really afraid. We will continue to ask probing discrediting questions and will continue to highlight the danger in the Arafat-Peres combination," promised the Likud.

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UN at impasse over Kana report

MARILYN HENRY
NEW YORK

THE Security Council was reportedly at an impasse over how to treat a controversial UN report on the Kana incident, which has also exposed the weaknesses of the UN forces in Lebanon. A UN inquiry into the shelling of the UNIFIL position at Kana, written by Maj.-Gen. Frank van Kappen of the Netherlands, has disputed Israel's contention that the shelling was accidental. Israel has severe objections to the report, including its failure to give due weight to Hizbullah attacks on Israel. Israeli officials also charge that UNIFIL shelters Hizbullah terrorists. Twice a year, for 18 years, the Security Council has tacitly acknowledged that UNIFIL cannot do its job, then extended its stay in south Lebanon for another six months. But the days of UNIFIL's automatic renewal apparently ended with the April 18 shelling of the Fijian UN post, which left 102 people dead.

David Peleg, Israel's chargé d'affaires to the UN, said last week that he expects the council to take into account that Hizbullah terrorists have been firing from points near UN positions. There were at least 34 times in which Hizbullah fired from sites near UN positions during

Operation Grapes of Wrath. Israeli officials said last week, UNIFIL "did its best to prevent its area from being used for hostile activities," Secretary-General Boutros Ghali said January 22, in his most recent biannual report on UNIFIL. A Fijian member of UNIFIL recently was shot in the chest when he tried to prevent "Hizbullah fighters" from firing rockets, according to the van Kappen report. The UNIFIL troops are in an untenable position, said William Dorch, a senior associate at the Stimson Center, a nonpartisan think tank in Washington. "If you continue to challenge Hizbullah, you'll find yourself in a war," Dorch said. UN troops "try to protect their own integrity, but basically it is a hopeless task, and Israel knows that. Israel knows UNIFIL is not going to take on Hizbullah."

Boutros-Ghali insists that UNIFIL, whose mandate expires in July, has not lost its usefulness. "The presence of UNIFIL has been important in the past and will be important in the future," he said Thursday in Atlanta. Egypt, which holds the Arab

seat on the Security Council, was reportedly backing Lebanon's efforts to have the council condemn Israel. A similar effort, on the day of the Kana shelling, failed.

The council's European members — Britain, France, Germany and Italy — reportedly have proposed that the council issue a statement that would welcome the van Kappen report, condemn "in all its aspects the tragedy at Kana," call on all parties to respect UNIFIL, stress that attacks on civilians violate humanitarian law, and urge all parties to work toward a comprehensive, just and lasting Middle East peace.

David Rudge adds:

The Lebanese daily newspaper *As-Safir* quoted senior officials on Friday as saying that the Lebanese government would not press for a meeting of the UN Security Council to condemn Israel over the Kana shelling tragedy in which 102 civilians died. The paper quoted the officials as saying that the Security Council was unlikely to condemn Israel, given the US position, and was therefore prepared to accept the UN's report on the Kana incident and not press the matter any further.

ARRIVALS

For the Annual Meeting of the Board of Governors of Tel Aviv University:

From Argentina: Prof. José Gómez, Dr. Cesar Casas, Dr. Miriam Turcovich de Gold, Dr. Roberto Gold Fund for Neurological Research, Susana Rochar, Pablo & Sylvia Simko, Adolfo & Miriam Smolar.

From Australia: Hon. Walter Jona, Prof.

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Lehrer Chair for Visiting Mathematicians.

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Emet Pfeffer Fund for Research in Contemporary Anti-Semitism and Racism, Hans Fleiberman, Peter Roth, Ari Schech

From Holland: Prof. Arnold & Mrs. Betty Heerle, Alfred & Lenny Spier.

From Israel: Dan David, to receive an Honorary Doctorate, Gabriele David, Ariel

David and Ricardo Costi, at the inauguration of the Dan David Clearsoom Building, Francis Wahl, Susanna Zevi.

From Spain: Heide Wolf Kaufmann, for the inauguration of the Emérico Letay Chair in Quantum Chemistry, Tomas Leiva, Karin Lewellen, Michael Szwarc.

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From the United Kingdom: Manja Leigh, for the dedication of the Morris and Manja Leigh Avenue, Gerald & Vera Weisled.

From the United States: Amnon Barnes, to receive an Honorary Fellowship, and Ceren Barnes, both for the inauguration of the Chair for the Study of Ecumenism, Elliot & Ruth Biss, Lester & Soni Berlin, for the naming ceremony of the Lester and Sally Berlin Faculty of Humanities, Jeffrey Glassman, Lawrence Goldman, Dr. Sanford Leitman and Ms. Gayla Swanson, Jan Mitchell, for the inauguration of the School of Business Administration, and Mr. & Mrs. Reuben Nitzman, Murray & Naomi Sarlin, Irving Schneider, to receive an Honorary Doctorate, and Helen Scheiner, Prof. Phillip A. Sharp, John & Lilly Wilcock, Mrs. George S. Wise, for the naming ceremony of the Dr. George S. Wise Street.

From Venezuela: Marita Plonkowski, Simon and Mary Seren, for the inauguration of the Venezuela Hall.

World Bank to step up aid to Gaza, West Bank

THE World Bank plans to step up its loans to Gaza and the West Bank to help the region cope with an economic crisis triggered by the closure, a bank official said on Friday.

"(We need) to bring the economic program of the peace process back on track," Odile Knudsen, who manages the World Bank program for the region, told reporters. "It's an issue for the whole of the Middle East and its stability."

The bank is expected to approve two loans totaling \$65 million by the end of June to rebuild crumbling infrastructure and provide badly needed jobs in the Palestinian region.

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Minister Yossi Beilin makes a point on Friday of a Jewish in English, sponsored by "The Jerusalem Post," with Minister Yossi Beilin of Labor. (Yossi Soffer)

Kana: How much did the IDF know and when?

COMMENT
ARIEH O'SULLIVAN

NOW that the UN report on the Kana shelling has been presented, the IDF would certainly like nothing better than to see it boxed up, shelved and locked away forever.

For weeks, the incident was like a bad penny which, no matter how hard the uncomfortable IDF brass tried, wouldn't get lost. What began with a poor performance of explanation turned into folly, as generals repeatedly changed their versions. Ultimately it painted a disturbing picture that not only called into question whether the IDF deliberately withheld information, but whether it failed to tell the truth. Just how much did the IDF know and when did it know it?

First it said there were no drones. Then it admitted there was a drone, but said it wasn't over the area. Then that it was over the area but was on a different mission. Only after a Norwegian UNIFIL soldier photographed it allegedly during the bombardment of Kana did the army finally admit a UAV had been over Kana, but said it had arrived minutes after the shelling ceased.

The IDF is a large and often cumbersome apparatus and it could very well be that this sort of information did not reach the General Staff. Or that it could have reached the generals, but was innocently and honestly withheld out of a belief that it was irrelevant.

The IDF has always touted credible reporting from the field as one of its virtues. Either the IDF command had the information and kept it secret or — much worse — credible reporting from the field is no longer so credible.

The UN report does not say outright that the IDF deliberately shelled the UN base. But it does unequivocally raise doubts of the truth of the IDF's version.

Israel launched into a ferocious attack against the report in general, saying it failed to take into account the background of the incident. But Israel did not, and ultimately could not, rebut the technical findings of the report, which Gen. Kappen, to his credit, restricted to a purely military level.

The result is a public relations disaster, which has portrayed the IDF as trying to hide information from the public. But what is more disturbing in this three-week-long debacle is that security sources say field commanders misled the General Staff and did not give them an accurate account of events.

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Israeli leaders have called the report "absurd," and accused UN troops of sheltering Hizbullah terrorists.

US officials have attacked Boutros-Ghali for releasing the report. Boutros-Ghali, a former deputy prime minister who was instrumental in the 1979 Camp David accords between Israel and Egypt, defended the report on Thursday, saying it was factual and gave both points of view.

Mahmoud Ansari of *al-Gamal* hinted the controversy over Boutros-Ghali's report could affect his reinstatement as chief of Ahram.

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Prime Minister Shimon Peres minimized a small lead over challenger Binyamin Netanyahu in three polls published on Friday and a fourth survey found Israelis overwhelmingly believe Peres will win.

Peres led Netanyahu by 4 to 5 percentage points, according to three polls published in the dailies *Teddy Aharoni* and *Ma'ariv*.

An additional Gallup survey in *Ma'ariv* asked Israelis who they thought would win the May 29 elections. Fifty-four percent said they believe Peres would win, and 27% said Netanyahu would, and 19% said they do not know.

The poll queried 509 Jewish Israelis and had a 4% margin of error.

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Egyptian papers defend Boutros-Ghali

CAIRO (Reuters) Egypt's official press sprang to the defense of the United Nation's Egyptian Secretary-General Boutros Boutros-Ghali on Friday against Israeli and US criticism of his report on the Kana massacre in Lebanon.

The UN said in a report on Tuesday that Israel's shelling of the UN base where 800 Lebanese civilians were seeking shelter was unlikely to have been the result of errors, as Israel said.

"Dr. Boutros-Ghali is facing a harsh campaign these days because he sided with justice and removed the mask to reveal the truth," wrote Ahmed Bahgat in *al-Ahram*.

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Marines probe 'copter crash that killed 14

CAMP LEJEUNE, North Carolina (AP) — Their road to the wreckage hacked clear by chain saws, rescue workers waded chest-deep into a swamp to recover the remains of 14 people who died in a crash of two Marine helicopters.

By Friday afternoon, the last of the dead was retrieved from the scene of the crash which took place during the biggest US-British training exercise in history. A pilot and co-pilot survived, with serious injuries.

The aircraft, a CH-46E Sea Knight troop carrier and an AH-1W Cobra assault helicopter, collided before daybreak Friday under clear skies illuminated by a half-moon. It was the setting for Operation Purple Star war games involving 38,000 US troops and more than 15,000 British troops assembled off the North Carolina coast this week.

The Pentagon said the helicopters burst into flames upon impact, and many of the bodies were badly burned. Debris was

scattered over a wide area. "Our hearts go out to the families, the friends, the loved ones of those who lost their lives," President Clinton said.

Air operations related to the war games were suspended after the crash, but only briefly.

Survivors were identified as Maj. Charles Johnson of Fairfax, Virginia, and 1st Lt. Walter Kulakowski of Alachua, Florida, both Marines. Johnson was in critical condition and Kulakowski was stable, a base official said.

It was the worst Marine Corps aviation disaster since 14 people died in the crash of a Sea Knight in 1989. Nine other Marine Corps aircraft have crashed this year, killing five people.

In March, the Marine Corps called a two-day halt to all nonessential flight operations to review safety rules after a rash of unexplained crashes.

Camp Lejeune, which stretches 24 km from Jacksonville to the Atlantic Ocean, feeds the businesses and pays the bills of many area civilians.

90 said dead in Florida plane crash

MIAMI (Reuters) — A Valujet DC-9 passenger plane with at least 90 people on board crashed in Florida's Everglades near Miami's International airport yesterday, an airport official confirmed.

"We don't believe there were any survivors," Lauren Gail, director of public affairs for Miami International airport, told Reuters.

The Federal Aviation Administration (FAA) said the plane crashed about 30 kilometers from Miami airport.

"We believe the aircraft is down somewhere in the vicinity of the Florida everglades," FAA spokesman Anthony Willett said.

He added that preliminary information indicated that the aircraft "experienced a problem in the cockpit" after taking off from Miami en route to Atlanta. He said there were no reports of smoke in the cockpit.

Television footage showed debris strewn over a large area of the swampy Everglades. Earlier television reports had indicated that the plane was en route to Miami from Atlanta.

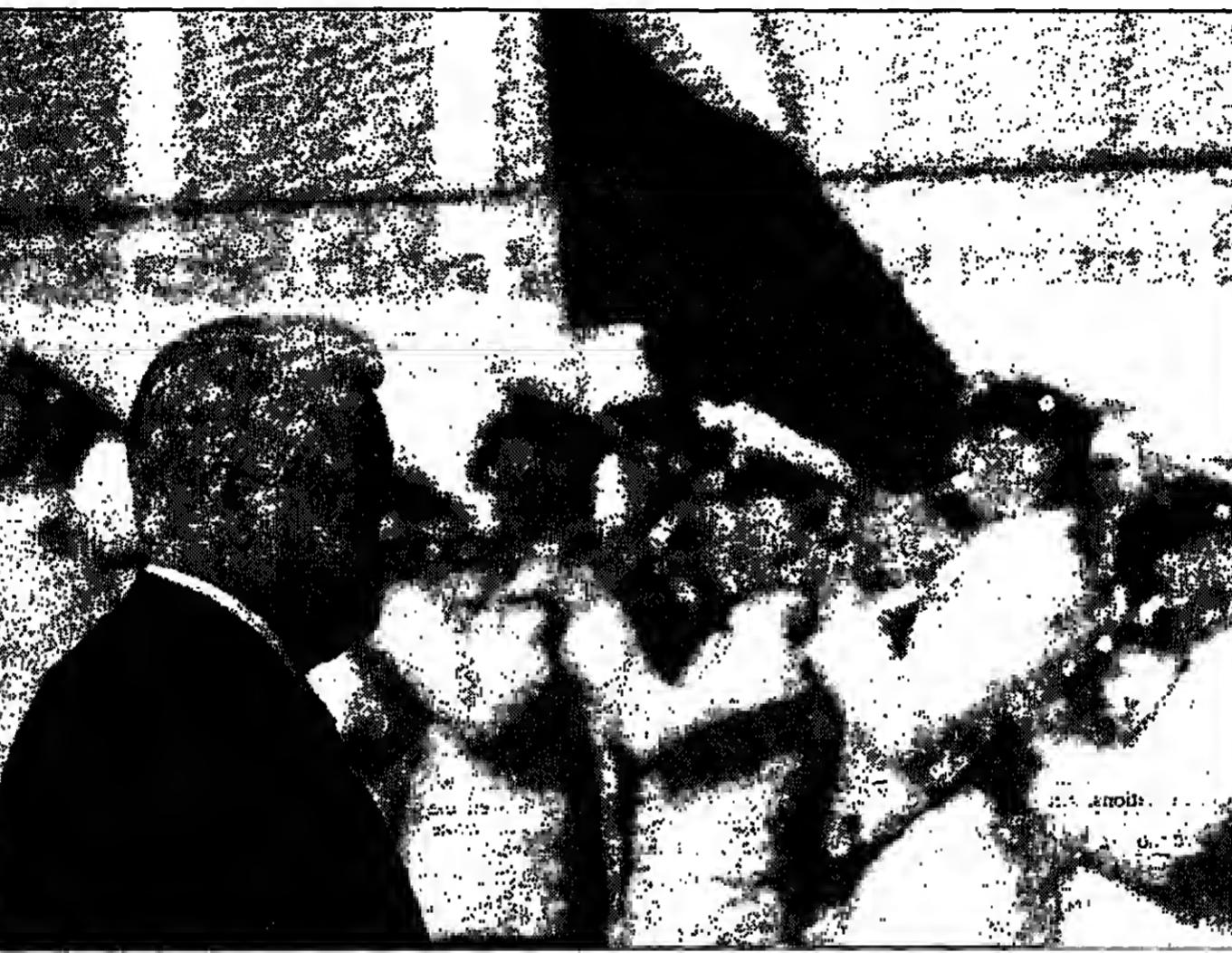
Violence flares in Sarajevo

SARAJEVO (Reuters) — French NATO troops used tanks and armored personnel carriers to cordons off a Sarajevo apartment block yesterday after violence flared overnight between Moslems and Serbs, witnesses said.

Trouble erupted along a tense communal confrontation line in Dobrinja, a neighborhood in the west of the city built to house athletes during the 1984 winter Olympics.

One Moslem man was shot in the chest during the disturbance on Friday and a Serb was rescued by the French after being slightly wounded when three hand grenades were thrown at the car he was driving, NATO and UN police sources said.

The French deployed at least two light tanks, eight armored personnel carriers and 50 soldiers yesterday to seal off an area around an apartment block on the Moslem side of the line.



Russian President Boris Yeltsin, on the campaign trail, is welcomed by a military band in Astrakhan yesterday.

News agencies NEW DELHI

DIVERSE political parties tried to form a coalition government yesterday after one of the most indecisive elections in India's history.

Prime Minister P.V. Narasimha Rao resigned after his Congress Party — which had governed India for decades — suffered a setback in parliamentary elections.

President Shankar Dayal Sharma asked the 74-year-old Rao to stay on as caretaker until a new government is in place in the world's most populous democracy.

All eyes were focused on the president, who had to decide which party got the first crack at trying to form the next administration.

For only the second time in Indian history, no party won a majority in the ballot. Both the Hindu nationalist Bharatiya Janata Party, which finished first, and the National Front-Left Front, a coalition of leftists and lower-caste groups that was in third place, were seeking the nod from Sharma.

But the Indian leftists last night appeared to have staved off a Hindu nationalist bid for power by at least two days when the president gave them time to prove they could form a government.

Communist Party of India-Marxist (CPM) chief Harkishan

Singh Surjeet said Sharma had accepted a request for time to prove the National Front-Left Front (NLF) could prove a majority following indecisive elections.

"We have just now met the President," Surjeet said. "He accepted our request for two days to prove our strength."

CPM sources said the NLF would present Sharma with a signed list of deputies backing the alliance.

Surjeet said he would meet other NLF partners last night to work out details of a plan to form a coalition.

"We are confident of forming our government," he said. "There is absolutely no doubt in our minds."

"India is in for a spell of turbulence, if not turmoil" if it doesn't soon replace the Congress Party with a coalition government, *The Pioneer* newspaper warned in an editorial.

The Congress Party and the National Front-Left Front — both secular parties — have said they will not join up with the BJP. They object to the BJP's focus on Hindu revivalism and worry that it will reduce the special rights of minority Moslems

have been forming regional parties and gaining power.

In a nationally televised interview Atal Bihari Vajpayee, expected to be the BJP's prime minister-designate, sought to reassure Indians concerned about a radical shift in the country's politics. He said India would remain secular and Moslems should not fear discrimination.

"Hinduism will not be the state religion," he said.

Vajpayee also criticized the United States for selling weapons to Pakistan, India's Islamic archenemy.

But Vajpayee is considered a moderate member of the BJP, which also has Hindu extremists, leaving unclear just what shape a BJP government would take.

In 1992, BJP members joined Hindu militants who destroyed an ancient Moslem mosque in the city of Ayodhya that they claim was built on the site of a destroyed Hindu temple. That set off Hindu-Moslem riots across northern India that killed thousands.

Of the 537 seats contested in three rounds of voting over the last two weeks, the BJP was expected to win 180 to 190 seats, Congress 130 to 140 and the National Front-Left Front 120 to 130 seats, according to computer projections.

Coalition uncertain in India

workers would be allowed to get off the vessel.

Like the Ivorian officials who turned away the ship Thursday, Asamoah was concerned that many of the refugees on the Bulk Challeoge had been fighters in the month-long battle that has destroyed the Liberian capital of Monrovia.

"We don't want to take any more refugees," Asamoah told the Ghana News Agency. "We have had enough refugees. Especially we don't want those who are combatants."

Doherty said his agency sent a small boat to follow the Bulk Challeoge to Ghana, with a doctor and nurse on board.

He reported ghastly conditions on board, saying there was little water or food and only one toilet available for the refugees who have been forced to sleep on top of one another.

"It's not going to get better and the worst-affected people will be malnourished and generally weakened," Doherty said.

"If there is cholera on board, under those circumstances, those people have a very poor expectancy."

Panicked Liberians fleeing a month of brutal fighting in Monrovia packed the Ghana-bound freighter last Sunday.

Yeltsin predicts reform coalition

MOSCOW (AP) — Boris Yeltsin, facing a tough Communist challenge in June's presidential elections, told a crowd on the campaign trail yesterday that he and rival reformist Grigory Yavlinsky are "uniting."

Yavlinsky denied it, and Yeltsin's comments seemed mainly to reflect fervent Kremlin hopes that Russia's splintered pro-reform forces might finally coalesce behind the president.

With five weeks to go before the June 15 vote, polls show Yeltsin trailing or running neck-and-neck with Communist candidate Gennady Zyuganov.

On a campaign swing in the Caspian Sea city of Astrakhan, Yeltsin told a meeting of supporters that he believes Yavlinsky and two other centrist candidates — Alexander Lebed and Svyatoslav Fyodorov — will back him.

"These hopes are based on my personal conversations" with Yavlinsky and Lebed, and aides' talks with Fyodorov, Yeltsin said. "I think this troika — will join the president's team," he said.

But he added that cooperation could take "various forms" and would not necessarily require them to pull out of the race. Yeltsin could be thinking of a pos-

sible second round, which would pit the top two vote-getters against each other if no candidate cleared 50 percent the first time round.

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Hong Kong police, Vietnamese clash

News agencies
HONG KONG

HUNDREDS of riot police and defiant Vietnamese clashed again at a Hong Kong detention camp yesterday, as a manhunt continued for some three dozen detainees still missing from a mass breakout during rioting a day earlier.

Rioting Vietnamese hurled rocks and spears and police fired tear gas in the prison camp yesterday in a second day of rioting by boat people resisting deportation.

The rioters waved banners, shouted slogans and bombarded the police from hut roofs after authorities tried to round up inmates for the latest wave of forced repatriation. Security forces said six officers were injured in the clash.

Calls mounted for tough government action against the Vietnamese who on Friday torched buildings and cars, toppled fences and fought running battles with police during some of the worst violence ever in Hong Kong's camps.

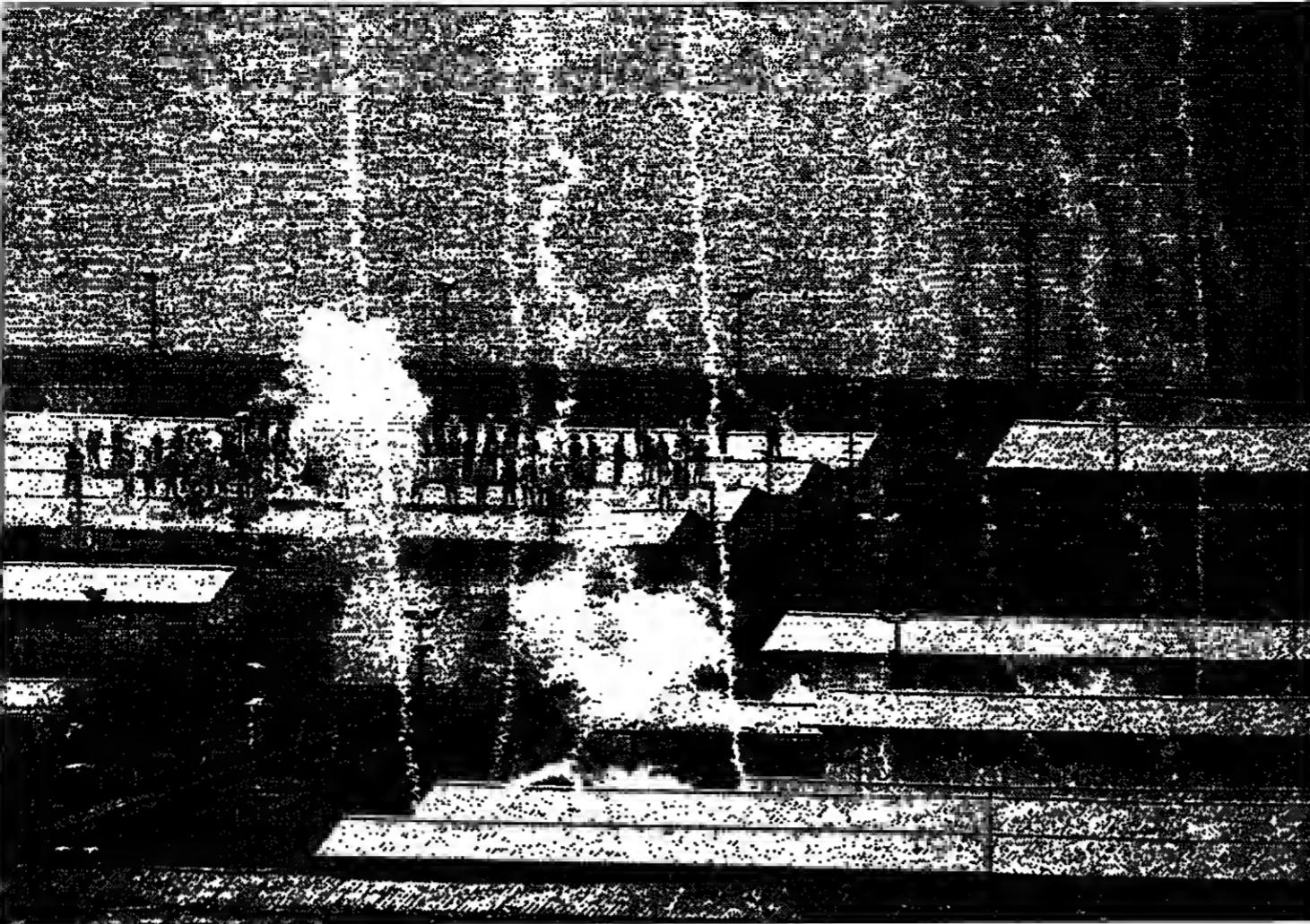
Yesterday hundreds of Vietnamese, some waving banners marked "SOS," climbed onto dormitory roofs at the camp.

About 2,000 prison and police officers moved into the camp, and fired 240 tear gas rounds at protesters throwing rocks and homemade spears, prison and government officials said.

Prison officers forced 130 protesters off the roofs, while many others, including women and children, came down voluntarily, said prisons spokesman Leonel Rodrigues. About 120 remained on the roofs as dusk approached, but they were tired and thought likely to come down of their own accord.

The government said four police officers, a prison officer and a Vietnamese were slightly injured, Rodrigues said a police officer was spear in the arm.

The Vietnamese attracted world sympathy when they fled en masse in rickety boats after the end of the Vietnam War in 1975. But Hong Kong newspaper edi-



Hong Kong police fire tear gas at the Whitehead detention camp to disperse rioting Vietnamese yesterday.

No sex please, we're Cannes

JOHN FOLLAIN
CANNES

SEX, or the lack of it, pervaded the Cannes film festival yesterday as Spike Lee eavesdropped on sex hotlines and France's Arnaud Desplechin screened a partly autobiographical tale of love in Paris. This year's Cannes run has so far been long on big-name directors and short on stars, but Elizabeth Taylor is expected to join jury president Francis Ford Coppola next week for the annual Cinema Against AIDS gala.

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enjoy the job, and her pleasure is equated with drug addiction in potent close-ups.

"Men come out weaker, and women stronger... In *Girl 6*, the women are in fact running the show, they master events perfectly. They are capable of stimulating their listeners while reading a magazine or nonchalantly doing their nails," Lee said of his ninth feature film.

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Ugandan head wins landslide

KAMPALA (Reuters) - President Yoweri Museveni yesterday scored a landslide victory in Uganda's first presidential election in 16 years, winning a popular mandate for the position he seized as a rebel leader a decade earlier...

Stephen Akabway, head of the Interim Electoral Commission (IEC), announced cheers at the International Conference Centre in Kampala, Museveni had won 4,428,119 valid votes, or 74.2 percent.

He said main opposition candidate Paul Ssemogerere took 1,416,139 or 23.7 percent of valid

votes cast on Thursday and third candidate Mohamed Mayanja won 133,290 or about 2.2 percent of the valid votes.

Akabway said the total valid votes counted from Thursday's election were 5,967,548 and the total ballots cast were 6,163,678 or 72.6 percent of the registered voters in Uganda.

Museveni, 52, fought his way to the presidential palace in 1986 at the end of a five-year bush war following rigging of the last presidential poll in 1980 which Ssemogerere appeared set to win. He is credited with Uganda's economic recovery through

Western-backed economic reforms from near collapse under deposed rulers Idi Amin and Milton Obote in the 1970s and 1980s.

Museveni's sweep gave him a five-year term after the first direct presidential election in Uganda as previous polls the winning party picked the president. A parliamentary poll will be held next month.

The election campaign was haunted by Uganda's bloody past under Amin and Obote with Museveni warning voters that they risked plunging the country back into chaos unless he won.

BEIJING (Reuters) - China and United States defused a row over Beijing's alleged sales of nuclear weapons-related technology yesterday, but ties between the two remained tense as a trade war loomed over copyright piracy.

A Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman formally announced that China strictly observed the nuclear weapons non-proliferation treaty as part of a deal to avert US sanctions over alleged Chinese sales of nuclear arms-related technology to Pakistan.

"China pursues the policy of not endorsing, encouraging or engaging in the proliferation of nuclear weapons, or assisting other countries in developing such weapons," the official Xinhua news agency quoted the spokesman as saying.

The nuclear cooperation between China and

the countries concerned is exclusively for peaceful purposes. China will not provide assistance to unsupervised nuclear facilities," he said.

The announcement followed Washington's decision on Friday not to impose sanctions on Beijing for the "alleged" sale of Pakistan of \$70,000 worth of ring magnets that can be used to enrich uranium.

The US rescinded its threat to impose targeted sanctions on China under the 1994 US Nuclear Non-proliferation Act after winning assurances from Beijing it would not make such sales in the future and made a public statement saying so.

The long-awaited resolution of this row opened the way for the US Export-Import Bank to approve loans and loan guarantees for more than \$11 billion in US business projects

in China.

US Secretary of State Warren Christopher outraged Beijing last month when he asked the bank to delay final approval on all China projects until he decided whether to impose sanctions on China over the nuclear technology.

However, although the resolution of this row has eased some of the friction between the two giants, they remain locked in a dispute over alleged Chinese copyright piracy. Beijing said it had drafted its own list of US imports that could be targeted if Washington this week goes ahead with unveiling its list of Chinese goods that could be hit with sanctions.

The US said it would publish a list of \$3b. worth of such imports unless China improves enforcement of a 1995 accord to halt piracy of US music, films and software.

China and US ties tense

Saudis won't pay BBC for scrapped deal

LONDON (AP) - Princess Diana is threatening to sell her jewels. Prince Charles is considering legal action to prevent new leaks about the royal divorce. Diana's threat to make him wait until December 1997 to vote the knot has paid off.

That's a sampling of headlines in yesterday's British newspapers about the state of divorce negotiations which most royal watchers say are stalled.

The Sun started the latest round of leaks with a report that Diana told Queen Elizabeth II that unless Charles stopped haggling she would make him wait until December 1997 for a divorce.

Diana can hold out until because under English law, if either party contests a divorce, the other party must wait five years from the time of separation to end the marriage. The royal couple formally separated in December 1992.

According to yesterday's

Diana appraises jewels, Charles clamps leaks

Daily Telegraph, the disclosure of Diana's meeting with the queen was greeted with "surprise bordering on exasperation" by the prince's advisers, who are considering legal action to prevent further revelations.

Possibilities include an injunction against any member of the princess' camp if it could be proved that they had become responsible for a particular leak. Any organization which the two published further details would be in contempt of court," the paper said.

British law bans royal employees from revealing details of their masters' private lives.

Serious negotiations between the couple's lawyers began five months ago after the queen urged Charles, her 47-year-old heir, and Diana, 34, to divorce.

They have two sons.

Each has publicly admitted adultery and have leaked details through friends of a marriage that appears to have gone sour within a few years of their 1981 wedding.

The Daily Mail said Diana seemed to have gained the sympathy of the queen and quoted senior royal sources as saying their meeting put the divorce

talks back on track.

"Although there is still some way to go, obviously, the meeting has had its desired effect. There was a threat to pull out of the divorce negotiations. That has not proved necessary," the paper quoted an unidentified senior official as saying.

The Daily Express, which last week broke the story that divorce negotiations were at a standstill, said Diana was turning up the heat by threatening to sell some of her jewels.

"It is certain to bring her into open conflict with the queen, who firmly believes they are heirs to the throne and must remain in the royal family," the paper said.

Diana, who maintains the jewels were gifts and bequeathed to her, has already sent several pieces to be valued including a tiara with 19 pearl drops which belonged to the queen's grandmother, Queen Mary, the Daily Express said.

The princess is also threatening to sell a sapphire brooch set in diamonds and mounted on a pearl choker which was a gift from the queen's mother, Queen Mother Elizabeth, and emeralds which also belonged to Queen Mary.

KNESSET ELECTIONS CANDIDATE LISTS

BALLOT LETTERS AND NAMES

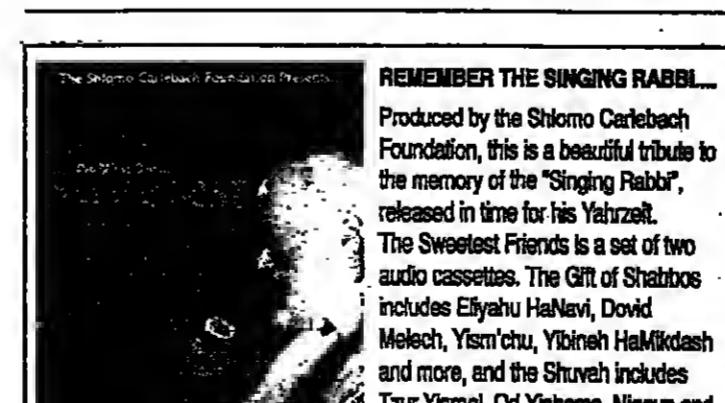
The Central Elections Committee for the 14th Knesset and for Prime Minister announces the names of the candidates for Prime Minister:

Binyamin Netanyahu

Shimon Peres

The names of all the lists of candidates approved by the committee for the elections for the 14th Knesset and the letters identifying them on the ballot (listed below in alphabetical order) are as given below:

BALLOT LETTERS	NAME OF PARTY
א	Labor
ב	Mafdal - National Religious Party, Hamizrahi - Hapoel Hamizrahi
ג	United Torah Judaism, Agudat Yisrael - Degel Hatorah
ד	Organization for Democratic Action - ODA
ה	The Settlement's Party
ו	The Third Way for National Consensus
ז	Democratic Front for Peace and Equality (Israel Communist Party - Jewish and Arab Public Groups), National Democratic Alliance
ח	Men's Family Rights - Rash
ט	Moledet
י	Yemin Yisrael
צ	Yisrael Ba'alya led by Natan Sharansky
ל	Likud Gesher Tsomet
מ	Meretz - Democratic Israel - Ratz, Mapam, Shinui
נ	Arab Alignment for Progress and Renewal led by Dr. Ahmed Tibi
ס	Arab Democratic Party - United Arab List
ע	Pensioners for the Knesset - Gil
פ	Progressive Confederation
צ	Unity for Aliya led by Ephraim Gur
ש	Shas - Sephardi World Torah Observant Federation
ת	Path of Faith led by Rabbi Yosef Azran



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High-tech kindergarteners

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

ALONG with plasticine, crayons, glue, colored paper, Lego and storybooks, computers are increasingly becoming an important part of the kindergarten experience. There is no better time to introduce children to the invention that will shape their lives in the 21st century than before they enter school.

And there is no place in Israel where it is more difficult to computerize kindergartens than in Jerusalem — a city where one in three children lives below the poverty line, the municipality is nearly bankrupt, and the preschool population is divided nearly equally among haredi, Zionist religious, secular and Arab children.

While kindergartens in the wealthier municipalities already have their second computer (with only one machine, a child has a chance to work on it for about half an hour twice a week), Jerusalem education officials are looking forward to the day when every kindergarten in the city will have one. So far, only about half of the "recognized" compulsory kindergartens in the city are equipped with a computer.

The spread is not even; there are many fewer PCs (but is catching up). The Agudat Yisrael-affiliated kindergartens (*Hinuch Atzma'i*) are about one-third computerized, but the machines are much more common in the girls' Beit Ya'akov institutions than in the boys' Talmudei Torah, where the idea of investing time on a computer (at the expense of sitting over a prayerbook or Pentateuch) is still regarded with some suspicion.

Staying within its severe budgetary constraints, the Jerusalem Municipality has invested considerable sums and efforts in computerizing its kindergartens. Arik Friedmann, a systems analyst who also studied psychology and public administration, established the computer-education branch of the Jerusalem Education Authority two years ago.

If he had an unlimited amount of money for his projects, Friedmann says he would buy not one but two PCs for every kindergarten, and they would be the latest Pentium models with CD-ROM drives, multimedia hardware and loads of

programs. He would be very hesitant, however, to buy color laser printers, even if he had the money. "Drawing pictures and filling in colors within the lines is a very important developmental skill for preschoolers," he explains. "If they had color printers and computerized drawing programs, they would just press a few keys and be able to print out beautiful creations with much effort. As the father of a five-year-old daughter in kindergarten, I think a hand-made drawing is much more impressive and precious."

Two years ago, when the kindergarten computerization project began in the capital, the Education Ministry, Mifal Hayayim and the municipality joined forces to buy what was then the most advanced hardware. But the computer world advances so quickly that the PCs bought only a year ago are already outdated. CD-ROM drives were just added to the list of standard equipment this year.

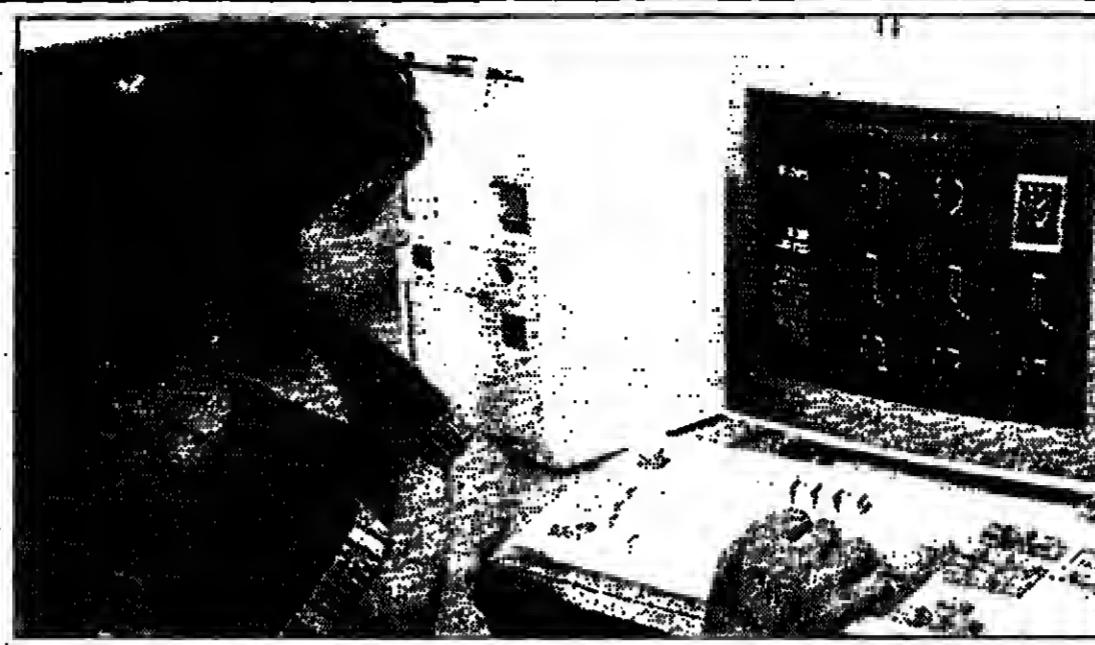
Friedmann says there is no money currently available to upgrade the older PCs with CD-ROM drives, but this is his eventual aim as the majority of children's software now produced is on CD-ROM.

The project involves more than buying PCs and programs. Until they took courses at the Pedagogical Institute's computer lab in the city, many kindergarten teachers and assistants didn't know how to turn a computer on, let alone tell the difference between a hard disk and a floppy.

The working life of a PC is about five years, Friedmann says.

"We want to persuade the authorities that every year we have to get a 20% budget [increase] so we will be able to cover the costs of replacing obsolete hardware and software in five years. It isn't easy."

The proliferation of ISDN (integrated services digital network) fiber-optic lines may eventually prove to be the solution to these problems. Instead of installing one independent PC in each kindergarten, each class could have terminals that are linked by phone cables to a central computer laboratory with a vast collection of software that may be called up by the teacher. "Using on-line systems to supply software to kindergartens is my dream," Friedmann says. "The



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technology is not completely available yet, but I have no doubt this will be the way of the future."

HAGIT SAMUEL, a teacher with a degree in computers and math from the Hebrew University, works part-time as the city's coordinator of computers in kindergartens. She also teaches at a Gilo state elementary school, which is a model for computerization and invites local kindergartens to work regularly on its Internet-equipped computers.

Telcode, a Tel Aviv company with considerable experience in kindergarten computerization, won the municipal tender and now serves as the city's "integrator" for the kindergarten project.

Its tasks include booking up the computers and printers, putting an electrical outlet into the wall of the "computer corner," recommending a "software basket," supplying paper for the printer and fixing it all if it breaks down.

The computers Telcode selected for Jerusalem were not brand-name machines, and the speakers look quite fragile (risky in a classroom full of five-year-olds). The monochrome printer, of the simplest type, is nevertheless a boon to teachers who are able to print out announcements to parents instead of photocopying them at considerable expense; the "Little Print Shop" program of the Compartus software company allows children and teachers to make graphic designs and print them out.

The city set a software basket totaling NIS 2,010 with 11 programs, most of them produced by Compartus (which also produces software for special-education schools and regular elementary and high schools). Best, Eureka and Teko. None of them are on CD-

ROM, thus they are not multimedia programs and lack animation and full sound.

The city's software basket includes a word-processing program teaching letters and their manipulation on the screen; another on colors and geometrical shapes; a database program the children can use to compare weather changes over the year; and a program to develop eye-hand coordination, understanding of directions and aural memory. No program can be installed without getting official approval from the Education Ministry facility in Holon that examines software whose companies apply for recognition. This process takes many months, but it has been speeded up by Telcode.

Samuel concedes that selecting a single collection of software for all Hebrew-speaking children in the city (the Arab kindergartens get a more limited selection of programs translated from the Hebrew) was not ideal. One program, called "Dress the Figure," asks the child to choose different costumes for a naked child on the screen. While the figure is not "anatomically correct" (it lacks genitals), this program proved objectionable to the haredi kindergarten system, which demanded that it be deleted from their PCs. There are no special programs on Jewish holidays and Torah lessons for the state-religious and haredi schools either.

"It was impossible at the outset to ask kindergarten teachers to select the software they wanted up to a maximum price," Samuel explains. "The teachers just didn't know enough about computers to pick them. But we hope that in the future, teachers will be able to choose a customized selection suited to the backgrounds and interests

of their children."

Unfortunately, the municipality has budgeted only for the existing software basket.

If the teachers want to add programs in the foreseeable future, it will have to come from the money they get for parents for class supplies or as birthday presents from parents to the gan," Samuel explains.

Friedmann adds that he is very aware of the "static basket" problem and hopes a way will be found to add more advanced multimedia software to the original basket.

"We admit that this was a mistake," CET marketing director Ilan Yeshua says. "But at that time, we didn't have many programs aimed at kindergarten level. Now we do have wonderful software, and we hope the Jerusalem Municipality will consider including our programs in its basket."

One CET program unlikely to get in is *Yesh Li Sod*, the highly acclaimed piece of software that teaches youngsters how to read Hebrew in a highly entertaining way. Friedmann confides that he bought it for his daughter at home, and that she has already learned to read.

"But it is Education Ministry policy to use *Yesh Li Sod* in first grade and not to teach reading in kindergarten," he said. "Those who can already read will be bored when they start school, unless they have an option of spending part of the class time [working] alone on advanced software programs."

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Junior high is a (back) pain

HEALTH SCAN
POST HEALTH REPORTER

IT'S well known that eight out of 10 adults suffer at least once in their lives from lower-back pain. But now a study of Israeli junior high school pupils found that half of them already have such complaints.

A researcher at the Givat Washington Physical Education College, Dr. Miri Levi, did a doctoral dissertation on the subject and found that of those junior high school pupils complaining of back pains, 13 percent had them frequently, while in 2%, the pain is chronic.

According to the Education Ministry monthly bulletin *Arutz Hahinuch*, Levy surveyed 750 pupils at the Brenner and Feinstein junior high schools in Petach Tikva. One in 10 said they had to stay at home from time to time because of back pains; half of these took off for day, and a quarter stayed away from school for three days. The higher the class, the more the back pain.

The researcher blames poor sitting posture in school and at home for much of the back pain. In addition, they carry too-heavy schoolbags on their backs, get too little exercise and sit on school furniture that is not suited to their size.

The ministry has taken interest in the study and published a pamphlet for teachers called *Derech Hagav* ("Way of the Back"), edited by Ruth Dekel and Michal Regev, discussing posture, exercises, school furniture and other practical ways of preventing such orthopedic distress.

In it, teachers are advised to avoid getting back pains from long hours of standing in front of a class, by carrying out stretch and relaxation exercises at the end of the day, as well as regular swimming.

SUPER HEALTH PARTY

A two-month Health Ministry campaign to improve the public's dietary habits has begun in the supermarket chains. The campaign offers low-calorie, low-sugar, low-cholesterol, low-fat and high-fiber foods at a discount.

Called "Health Party," the campaign encompasses the Co-Op Blue Square, Co-Op Tzafon, Hypershuk, Co-Op Jerusalem, Supersol, Hyperol, Shekem and Greenberg chains. A total of 372 supermarket branches are taking part.

In some of the branches, customers are invited to sample products, and in 61 of them, ministry dieticians and dietician students are on duty to answer questions about diet and health.

The ministry said it will also organize diet information events in schools, community centers and other public institutions around the country.

INTENSIVE CARE FOR ERITREA

An Israeli delegation has flown to Asmara to establish the first intensive care unit of its kind in Eritrea. The team is headed by Dr. Yossi Baratz, director of the Health Ministry's international relations department.

The establishment of the medical unit was initiated by Health Minister Ephraim Stein, who visited the African country last August and signed an agreement for medical cooperation between the two countries.

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Heavy schoolbags: a common problem. (Hanan Gutmann)

The cooperation agreement was signed, a number of projects have been launched, including an Israeli project to build a model of medical services for nomadic tribes.

FOCUS ON ARAB PATIENTS

Nearly a third of all the patients at the Schneider Children's Medical Center of Israel (SCMC) in Petach Tikva are Arabs. Due to the staff's considerable accumulated experience in treating the characteristic diseases and injuries of this sector, the hospital recently held the first-ever symposium on the special educational and medical aspects of treating the hospitalized Arab child.

Organized in conjunction with the Education Ministry, the symposium was attended by doctors, nurses, social workers, teachers, psychologists and Arab community leaders and conducted in both Arabic and Hebrew.

PEDIATRIC CHIROPRACTIC

Meanwhile, a chiropractic clinic specifically aimed at children has been opened at SCMC. Youngsters suffering from migraine, scoliosis, digestive problems and pain of the back, neck and muscles are being treated in a non-invasive way by Health Ministry-licensed chiropractors, who use manipulation, stretching and massage.

The clinic is headed by Dr. Ori Barum, who graduated from a chiropractic college in Southern California and also works for the Defense Ministry's rehabilitation department and Meir Hospital.

Chiropractic treatment is regarded as complementary medicine and not included in the basket of health services to which all residents are entitled; but health-fund members who have supplementary health insurance will receive partial reimbursement.

SHARK LIVER AGAINST CANCER?

A natural substance in shark liver may stop the growth of new blood vessels that nourish solid brain tumors. Animal studies at the Johns Hopkins Medical Institutions in Baltimore suggest that the substance, squalamine, may play a role in chemotherapy, radiation and surgery in treating brain cancers and other solid tumors.

Johns Hopkins made the announcement at the recent annual meeting of the American Association of Neurological Surgeons in Minneapolis. The researchers cautioned, however, that the findings, while promising, are still preliminary.

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Grandmother, why do you have such big ears?

TELL ME WHY

JUDY SIEGEL-ITZKOVICH

Keren, comment:

You have asked a very good question. The answer is not completely clear scientifically, but there are theories to explain it. Apparently, the apparatus involved in the control of fever is different from that which makes the body temperature fall below normal.

Thermoregulation of the body involves neurons located in an area of the brain near the hypothalamus gland. This is called the pre-optic area, and the determination of body temperature is carried out by what is called the set point.

High fever can result from any one of a number of factors: the amount of calcium in the neurons, the lymphocytes' production of cytokines, or the amount of interleukins or prostaglandins in the bloodstream.

Since having a minimum body temperature is extremely important for life, the set point for lowering body temperature is much more complex. For this to happen, many ele-

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Scientists restore the fragrance in flowers

NEW WORLDS

POST SCIENCE REPORTER

The aim is to use an enzyme known to sever the link between the aromatic chemical and the sugar molecule.

The enzyme, beta glucosidase, is manufactured commercially from a fungus according to a patented process developed by Shushayov and a number of his HU colleagues. Originally, he developed it to improve the taste of wine and other foods.

The problem was how to introduce the scentless odor into flowers.

They tried spraying it on flowers; within minutes, the scentless flowers started to produce an odor. Apparently, the aromatic chemicals are found in the intercellular spaces, so the enzyme does not have to penetrate the cells themselves. The spraying technique has worked on a variety of commercially grown species.

The more difficult approach is genetic engineering, which would naturally restore the flower's ability to produce scents without outside intervention. The gene that is coded for the enzyme has been isolated. The researchers can already produce

the enzyme in bacteria instead of a fungus, thus the quantities that result are considerably larger.

In the next stage, they hope to produce transgenic plants with the gene. The flowers will then produce a

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The Jerusalem Hamas cell

AFTER the suicide bombings in Jerusalem two months ago, it was clear to the security services that the terrorists could not have entered the city on the mornings of the explosions. Two weeks after the second suicide bombing of a No. 13 bus, the General Security Service discovered a Hamas cell in Jerusalem, consisting of Jerusalem residents who possessed Israeli identity cards and cars with Israeli license plates.

Members of the cell – one of whom had been an Egged bus driver familiar with security procedures – had sheltered the suicide bombers, given them the necessary logistic support, and driven them to the Jerusalem bus stop and to Ashkelon, where they blew themselves up. To avoid hampering the investigation, news of the arrests was withheld until Thursday.

These revelations lead to several inexorable conclusions: The organizational center and training grounds of Hamas and Islamic Jihad are in Gaza. The planning, recruitment, bombing, and logistic control of the operation – as well as the brainwashing of the suicides – all took place in Gaza with the full knowledge of the Palestinian Authority. Commander of Izzadin Kassam and overall director of the operation Mohammed Dief, now first on Israel's most-wanted list, met with Mohammed Dahlan, chief of the Palestinian Authority's Preventive Security police, both before and after the first suicide bombing.

The most discouraging conclusion, though by means unexposed, is that the terrorist groups can depend on the active collaboration of Arabs who are either Israeli citizens or residents of Jerusalem. The Islamic Jihad operative who blew himself up in Dizengoff Center in Tel Aviv was smuggled out of Gaza by an Israeli Arab. The Jerusalem bombers could not have executed their deadly mission without the help of the Jerusalem Hamas cell.

To cast aspersions on the loyalty of Israeli Arabs is perhaps the greatest offense against political correctness in Israel, but the nation can only ignore facts at its peril. And the facts are that the Israeli Arab parties sought the endorsement of Yasser Arafat and the PLO well before there was any talk of peace, and that some Arab Knesset members have openly advocated an armed struggle against Israel and refused to condemn Hamas and Hezbollah. A number of Israeli Arabs have been involved in terrorist organizations and in nationally motivated murders of Israeli Jews.

This does not mean that all Israeli Arabs are potential terrorists. On the contrary, the vast

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majority are not, just as the vast majority of Palestinians in the territories are not suicide bombers. In fact, many Israeli Arabs vote for Zionist parties and some serve in the army.

But when the government talks of "separation" (which it does mostly following terrorist hits and during an election campaign), stating that "they can live on that side, while we live on this side," it is touting an impossible dream. As long as Arab resentment and hatred of Israel continue to exist, there will be Arabs in Israel who will join the armed struggle against the state's existence.

Nor is it reasonable to expect that the establishment of a sovereign Palestinian entity will assuage barbs by satisfying national aspirations. On the contrary, the PA encourages and stimulates Palestinian identification among Israeli Arabs, and it does so systematically and persistently. It is only natural that a conflict in which religious and nationalistic passions are predominant will exacerbate problems of identity, loyalty, and allegiance. Nor is it likely that anything will eliminate this phenomenon in the foreseeable future.

It is precisely because of the inevitability of such developments that Israel must have the best available tools to combat terrorism. It has lost some of its capabilities by withdrawing from areas which now serve as incubators for terrorists and in which its security services no longer have a network of allies. And it is also constrained by the legal limitations imposed by the law. In this, it faces the dilemma confronting many democracies: how much due-process protection should be given those who would exploit democratic safeguards to destroy democracy.

That the members of the Hamas cell in Jerusalem were apprehended and that they led to some of their comrades and to crucial revelations about Hamas operations in the city is due to the special dispensation obtained by the GSS for the suspects' interrogation. The use of limited force in the interrogation process was undoubtedly on the mind of former GSS chief Karmi Gilon when he spoke last week of the need for special measures in the battle against terrorism.

Such measures are abhorrent under normal circumstances, but the alternatives are far uglier. Those who want to allow Hamas suspects the privileges granted plain criminal suspects must realize that the choice is between an infringement on the civil rights of terrorists on the one hand, and the mass murder of innocents on a city bus on the other.

LETTERS TO THE EDITOR

GUARDIANS OF OUR FUTURE

Sir, – In response to the vociferous attack by Amotz Asa-El on the "sheeple" quality of the haredi voters ("Divinely inspired, but wrong," April 26), I would like to point out a few things that he missed.

In the 17th century when Shabbat Zvi announced he was the Messiah, he was opposed by many prominent rabbis who saw him for what he was, a delusional pretender. In addition to that, the period of the Messiah has nothing to do with how states are formed, for the whole period is intended to be a time of miracles and supernatural events, when it will be come clear to the whole world, including Mr. Asa-El, that the words of the Torah and our tradition are true.

Regarding the opposition of the great rabbi of the era to emigration to the US or Israel, let us remember that the Pale of Settlement was not just "decrepit and destitute," but also a place of great Torah scholarship. From the religious viewpoint a nonreligious Jew who violates Shabbat and the other mitzvot in a certain sense dead. And an assimilated

intermarried Jew is certainly dead, for his children will, in all likelihood, not be Jewish. That was the reason that our rabbis opposed emigration to the US, a country where the assimilation rate has topped 50 percent, a rate which signifies that the majority of Jews don't want to be Jewish anymore, and where the Conservative and Reform movements are worried about the demographics not leaving them with any adherents in a few generations. From the standpoint of Mr. Asa-El and in a biological sense, certainly those people are alive. In a religious sense, they are not.

But, Mr. Asa-El would say, what about Israel? There's no assimilation in Israel and we have nurtured a proud people free from the hangups and neuroses of their predecessors. But then, maybe the pride that the secular Israeli derives from his new culture is the reason why there are more Israelis in California than in Tel Aviv?

From a religious standpoint, the modern antireligious Israeli is not all that much different from a Hellenizer, that is the Maccabees, religious

narrow-minded fanatics that they were, fought. Both rejected the Torah in favor of a new, "modern" culture. Both thought they could be Jewish and Greek, or Jewish and just like other nations. And both tried to impress their views on the observant population to the best of their ability. The rabbis saw that emigration of Jews into the anti-religious atmosphere of Israel before and after independence would result in their spiritual destruction, as indeed happened to the Sephardi Jews, who immigrated in the 1950s.

The haredim make up their mind and follow their leaders, not because they have no minds of their own, but because they believe that the rabbis see better than the average man what will happen in the long run. It was not the secular culture of the nations around us that kept the Jewish people alive through ages, but the rabbis and our Torah, and that is why the haredi listens to his rabbi, because he understands that the rabbi is the guardian of our future.

LEONID ARYEH GRINBERG
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Sir, – Several writers in your paper, including Uri Avnery and Rabbi David Forman, have recently restated the popular left-wing contention that Lebanon's Shi'ite community was basically neutral toward Israel until Ariel Sharon sent IDF forces up to Beirut in 1982. Having worked as a journalist in south Lebanon before and after the war, I know firsthand that this was not entirely so.

The main Shi'ite force before the war, Nabih Berri's Amal militia, was clearly allied with other Moslem groups in the Lebanese civil war. Although alliances were often thin and frequently shifting, Amal regularly joined Moslem forces in assaulting Christian positions before the 1978 Israeli Litani operation. After that, it occasionally joined the PLO in shelling IDF and South Lebanon positions in the pre-1982 Security Zone, and even fired rockets into Galilee.

It is true that Shi'ite residents of south Lebanon were largely pro-Israel, but that was mainly because

government from pushing out-gunned Syrian forces out of Lebanon in 1982. Hezbollah and other anti-Israel Moslem forces would have subsequently flourished. If Hafez Assad's troops had been pushed out, his allies would probably not have succeeded in murdering popular Christian president Bashir Gemayel. The revenge Sabra and Shatila massacres would then not have taken place, nor the 1983 slaughter of 241 US Marines and 54 French troops.

Sharon's method of operation seemed highly questionable in a democratic system, but his ultimate goals may have been right on target. Had Syria's iron grip on Lebanon been broken in 1982, subsequent IDF operations would probably not have been necessary, nor the ongoing occupation of the south Lebanon Security Zone.

DAVID DOLAN
Jerusalem

OPINION

IF THERE IS ONE THING I CAN'T STAND
IT IS THE CULT OF PERSONALITY



The covenant is buried

MISHA LOUVISH

At its meeting on April 22-25, the Palestine National Council officially buried the Palestinian Covenant.

The resolution it adopted declares that the covenant or charter "is hereby amended by canceling the articles that are contrary" to Chairman Yasser Arafat's letter of September 9, 1993 to the late prime minister Yitzhak Rabin, which has thus been officially endorsed by the PNC.

Note: the covenant "is amended" – not "will be amended." Today, therefore, the PLO does not have a valid charter and will not have one until it is "redrafted" by the PNC's legal committee, in effect until a new charter is drafted and adopted.

The legal committee does not have a free hand in "redrafting" the charter, and there will be no difficulty in deciding which of its articles are incompatible with Arafat's letter.

Arafat has thus fully complied with his undertaking "to submit to the Palestine National Council for formal approval the necessary changes in regard to the Palestinian Covenant."

Last month's historic decision is the culmination of a long process. The original covenant was adopted in 1964, when not a square inch of the Gaza Strip or the "West Bank" was in Israeli hands. It was a genocidal document, categorically denying the Jewish people's right to nationhood or statehood and calling – as a matter of strategy, not tactics – for armed struggle to destroy the Jewish state.

In November 1988, the PNC heralded a change by proclaiming the establishment of the Palestinians' "independent national state on their national soil" – but not specifically in the whole of Palestine. By calling for "Israel's withdrawal from all the Palestinian territories it has occupied since 1967," it recognized Israel's existence de facto, only within the pre-1967 boundaries.

At a press conference a month later, Yasser Arafat, or behalf of the PLO, in the words of US Secretary George Shultz, "accepted UN Security Council Resolutions 242 and 338, recognized Israel's right to exist in peace and security, and renounced terrorism."

Yasser Arafat has fully lived up to his commitment

Darkness in Gaza

Dr. Eyad R. Sarraj, a psychiatrist trained at the Maudsley Hospital in London, is director of the Gaza Community Mental Health Program. During the intifada he developed ways of treating children traumatized by the conflict. He was then, and is now, a campaigner for human rights.

I talked with Dr. Sarraj about the condition of Palestinians in Gaza since the new Palestinian Authority took control. It was a remarkable conversation.

"People are intimidated," he said. "There is an overwhelming sense of fear. The regime is corrupt, dictatorial, oppressive.

"I say this with sadness, but during the Israeli occupation I was 100 times freer. I wrote in the Israeli press and the Arab press. Today I am boycotted by our press and television.

"There are so many arbitrary arrests now, without charge, without reason. The authority has nine security organizations, each with its own detention center. And people are systematically tortured."

"Elsewhere I was told about another doctor, who expressed shock at the condition of a Hamas prisoner brought to a Gaza hospital after being tortured. The doctor was arrested and held for six days."

Dr. Sarraj was arrested himself last December after he told a visiting European press organization that the human rights situation in Gaza was "terrible." *Haaretz* reported his remarks, and the reporter called the Palestinian attorney-general for comment. Dr. Sarraj was questioned at the criminal investigation bureau and released after 10 hours. Yet he still wants to take the risk of speaking out.

"Under the occupation we felt

"People feel alienated, depressed, hopeless. And hopelessness is the worst emotion you can have."

"I am a man for peace with Israel. I was for it long before Arafat. But peace for me needs today, because we are oppressed by our own authority."

"He was also critical of the terms of peace negotiated so far, which leave Israel in control of access to Gaza. After the Hamas suicide bombings the borders were closed. Virtually no one can leave the densely populated strip for any

reason.

"People feel the political process did not give them anything," Dr. Sarraj said. "It turned Gaza and the West Bank into a new kind of prison. President Arafat is humiliated; his people are humiliated. We don't feel proud of our authority.

"The economic factors increase the tension. People are sometimes thrown back on survival instincts. They are apathetic when you talk about democracy or human rights. What concerns them is bread."

AN OUTSIDER visiting Gaza for the first time in four years sees signs of physical improvement. Some streets are being cleaned up and paved, with money from foreign donations. But there is no sign of the kind of investment that would be needed to provide a functioning economy for Gaza's nearly one million people.

"The mood in Gaza is not a healthy one," Dr. Sarraj said.

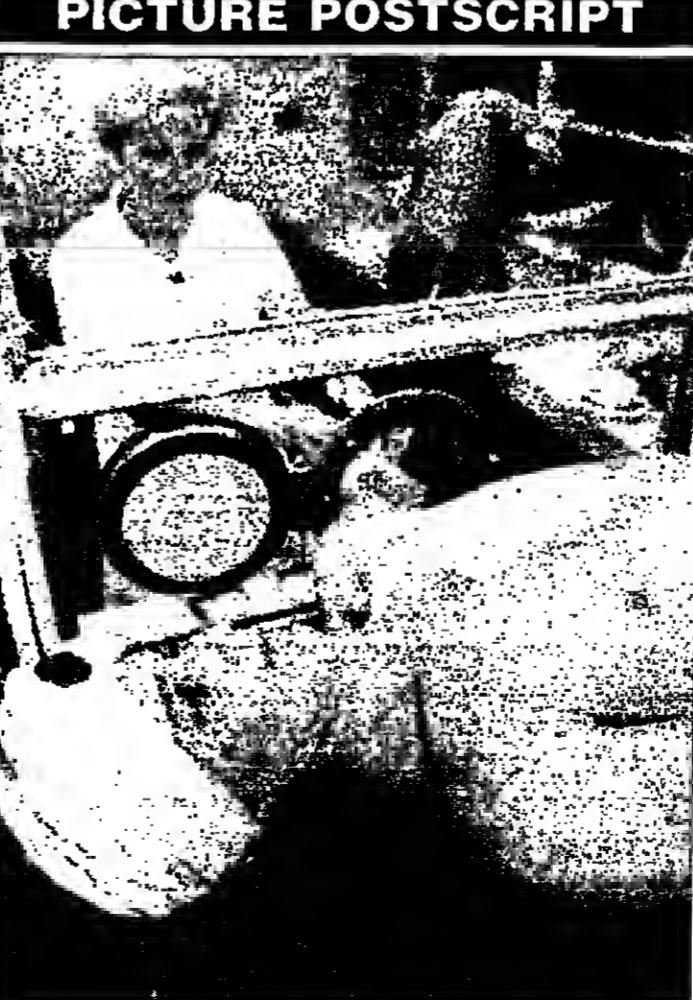
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POSTSCRIPTS

READER LOIS Green sent us a wonderful collection of quandaries and conundrums. See if this doesn't make your day:

- Why are there flotation devices under plane seats instead of parachutes?
- Why isn't "phonetic" spelled the way it sounds?
- Why are there interstate highways in Hawaii?

PICTURE POSTSCRIPT



Czech fakir Zdenek Zahradka (see if you can say that a few times fast) doesn't even wince as he donates blood. No wonder: he's lying on a bed of nails. (AP)

from a height, what would happen?

● Why do we park on driveways and drive on parkways?

● Why is it that when you transport something by car, it's called a shipment, but when you transport something by ship, it's called cargo?

● That little indestructible black box that is used on planes: why can't they make the whole plane out of the same substance?

● Why is it that when you're driving and looking for an address, you turn down the volume on the radio?

● Why do you need a driver's license to buy liquor if you can't drink and drive?

● Is there another word for "synonym"?

● Why don't masked robbers hold up ski lodges?

● When your pet bird sees you reading the newspaper, does he wonder why you're just sitting there, staring at carpeting?

● If nothing ever sticks to Teflon, how do they make Teflon stick to the pan?

HAVEN'T YOU always wondered why pencils are hexagonal? No? Well, Postscript will tell you anyway.

According to Henry Petroski's *The Pencil, a History of Design and Circumstances*, the hexagonal shape is a trade-off between ergonomics and economics.

The round pencil is the most comfortable to write with; while a square design represents the most efficient use of materials. The hexagonal pencil is a compromise.

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Good Cop Ploy President beats the Whitewater test

BY ROBERT NOVAK

Whitewater trial prosecutors questioning President Clinton behind closed doors at the White House unsuccessfully attempted a "good cop" ploy before giving up, and turning to the more conventional grilling of an uncooperative witness.

The president was called as a defense witness for his former business partners, Whitewater defendants James and Susan McDougal. But when lawyers for the independent counsel's office began cross-examining Clinton, they assumed a friendly demeanor and sought the president's concurrence that he had been victimized by the McDougals.

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Clinton would have none of it, according to government sources. When he refused to criticize the McDougals, prosecutors embarked on four tough hours of questioning. A major topic: prosecution witness David Hale's disputed account of how a sweaty Gov. Bill Clinton interrupted his jog to discuss an alleged illegal government-backed loan with Hale and James McDougal.

WHAT PEROT WANTS

Intimates of Ross Perot who have accurately reflected his political views are putting out this advice: Don't dismiss our hand the Dallas billionaire's protests that he really does not want to run for president and prefers that someone else be standard-bearer of his new Reform Party.

Despite his fabled ego, Perot is described by these associates as aware that four years of contro-

versy have made him damaged political goods. He is not anxious for an embarrassing performance far worse than his 19 percent vote in 1992.

But who would he accept? His friends say Perot would like somebody with a real chance to defeat Clinton and Bob Dole. But the only person they see fitting that description is the unavailable Gen. Colin Powell.

PLATFORM POLITICS
Plans to make pro-choice Sen. Kay Bailey Hutchison of Texas a vice chairman of the Republican National Convention's platform committee have been dropped, but it is not clear who pulled the plug.

The word has circulated on Capitol Hill that Hutchison turned down the offer. Actually, when Republican National Chairman Haley Barbour called, she said she would think it over. No return call was made to her.

In the meantime, the GOP high command decided that Sen. Paul Coverdale of Georgia would be a better choice. He, like Hutchison, is moderately pro-choice on abortion but coalesces more easily with social conservatives. He would join Rep. Henry Hyde as platform chairman and Utah Gov. Mike Leavitt as the other vice chairman. Hyde and Leavitt are both pro-life.

K STREET POLITICS

As big-money lobbyists on Washington's K Street hedge their bets in the direction of resurgent Democrats, they are urged by Republicans to consider who would be the next chairman of the tax-writing Ways and Means Committee if control of the House changed hands again in November: ultra-liberal Rep. Charles Rangel of New York.

The big lead in the polls by President Clinton has led K Street to pour money back to Democratic House candidates to protect their access in case of a Republican blowout. The GOP is reminding lobbyists who the new committee chiefs would be.

With Rep. Sam Gibbons of Florida retiring, Rangel moves to the top of Ways and Means seniority. He would be the most liberal chairman in the panel's history.

WHITEWATER POLITICS

Before last week's Senate Special Whitewater Committee hearing, White House lawyers Mark Fabiani and Jane Sherburne handed our copies of an attack on Whitewater investigations by the Washington Monthly, a neo-liberal magazine.

He is not anxious for an embarrassing performance far worse than his 19 percent vote in 1992.

A cover sheet, unmarked but prepared by the White House, trumpeted: "The results of the Washington Monthly's investigation into 'The Whitewater Scandal Machine.'" The cover sheet specifically quotes criticisms in Amy Waldman's article dealing with the phase of the hearings and centered on Dan Lasater, an Arkansas friend of Clinton's who has served federal prison time for cocaine distribution.

Waldman's article attacks Blood Sport, the Whitewater book by investigative reporter James Stewart, and its uncritical reviews. "In his book ... which is subtitled, 'The President and His Adversaries,'" Waldman writes, "James Stewart skewers the former but does little to probe the machinations of the latter; the book's reviewers have followed his lead." That fits the White House spin on Whitewater.

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Sperm donation vs. fatherhood

BY ALAN DERSHOWITZ

On the first anniversary of the tragic case of "Baby Richard" — who was taken from the only parents he had ever known and returned to the biological mother who had given him up for adoption at birth and the genetic father who didn't even know he was alive — another bizarre case may test the limits of genetic claims to parenthood. In this case, the genetic father is a rapist who sired the child in question by having sex with a comatose woman who was a patient in a nursing home.

The woman, who is unlikely ever to recover consciousness, became pregnant. Her mother then made the difficult decision to allow the child to be born rather than aborted. The baby was recently delivered prematurely by the comatose mother — the first such case in recorded medical history — and the grandmother is planning to raise it. All that is needed is a court order finalizing the arrangement. And therein lies the rub!

What if the genetic father — the rapist — now claims his parental rights? According to those who argue that genetics is the sole determinist of parenthood, this perverted sperm planter is the baby's legal father! That is the logical consequence of the geno-ecotic view of parenthood that the Illinois courts took in the "Baby Richard" case.

There is a real difference, of course, between the two cases. In the "Baby Richard" case, the biological mother gave him up for adoption after telling her then boyfriend that the child had died. When the couple then reunited, the genetic mother told the genetic father the truth and he demanded the return of the genetic child he had never seen from the real parents who had nurtured him since his birth. Although the best interests of the child would have required keeping the child with the only parents he had ever known, the courts ordered "Baby Richard" — who by then was 4 years old — to be "returned" to the man whose sperm had caused him to be born, and who had played no role in his life following his exchange of bodily fluids with the woman who had given "Baby Richard" up for adoption.

Although the facts of the two cases are different, the principle is the same — genes trump parenting in the battle for legal fatherhood and motherhood. The rapist-father in this case is genetically closer to the baby than the rape-victim's mother. Moreover, he may never be convicted of rape, since his victim cannot testify against him and the DNA testing may prove insufficiently conclusive for a clinical conviction. In order to claim paternity, however, the putative father would have to acknowledge that he impregnated the comatose woman, and having sex with a woman who is incapable of consenting constitutes rape.

Genes trump parenting in the battle for legal fatherhood and motherhood.

Even if he were to be convicted of rape, such a conviction would not necessarily extinguish his rights as a father. A long prison term might lead a court to deem him an "unfit" father, but a relatively short term would allow him to reclaim his parental rights upon release from prison, if he were an otherwise competent father.

Whatever actually happens in this case, even the possibility that the rapist-impregnator of a comatose patient could claim parental rights to the fruits of his crime — because they are also the fruits of his loins — demonstrates the absurdity of the legal doctrine which gives such conclusive weight to genetic fatherhood.

The time has come for the law to recognize the difference between a sperm donor and a father, and even between a fetus carrier and a mother. Parenthood requires a connection beyond genetics and biology. It requires a commitment to the child based on love, rather than merely participation in the mechanical aspects of the birth process.

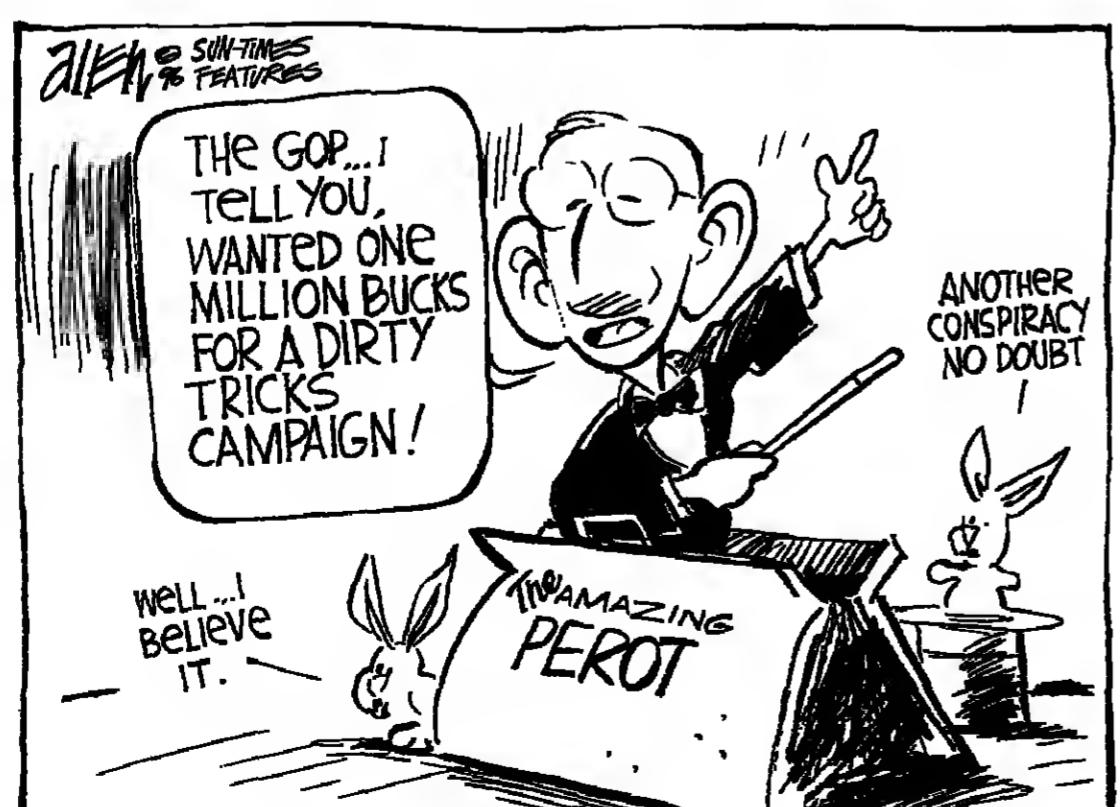
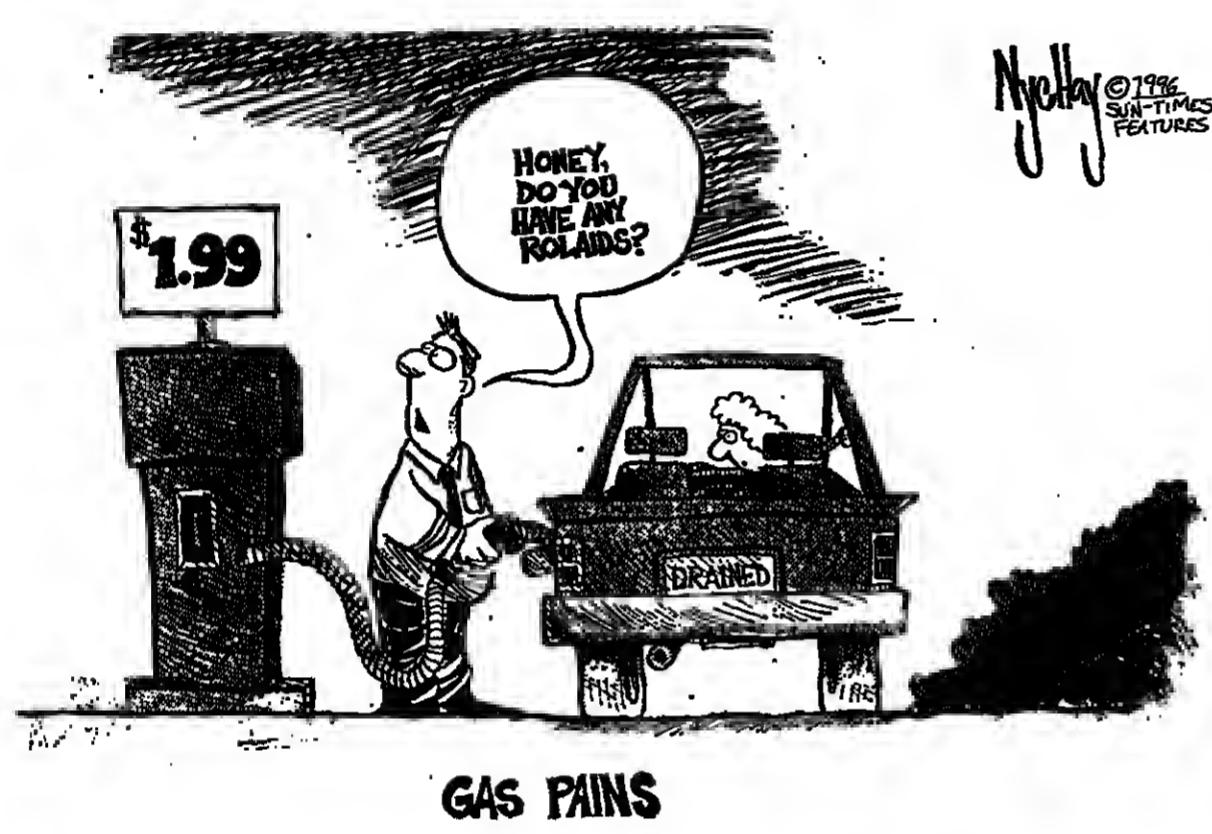
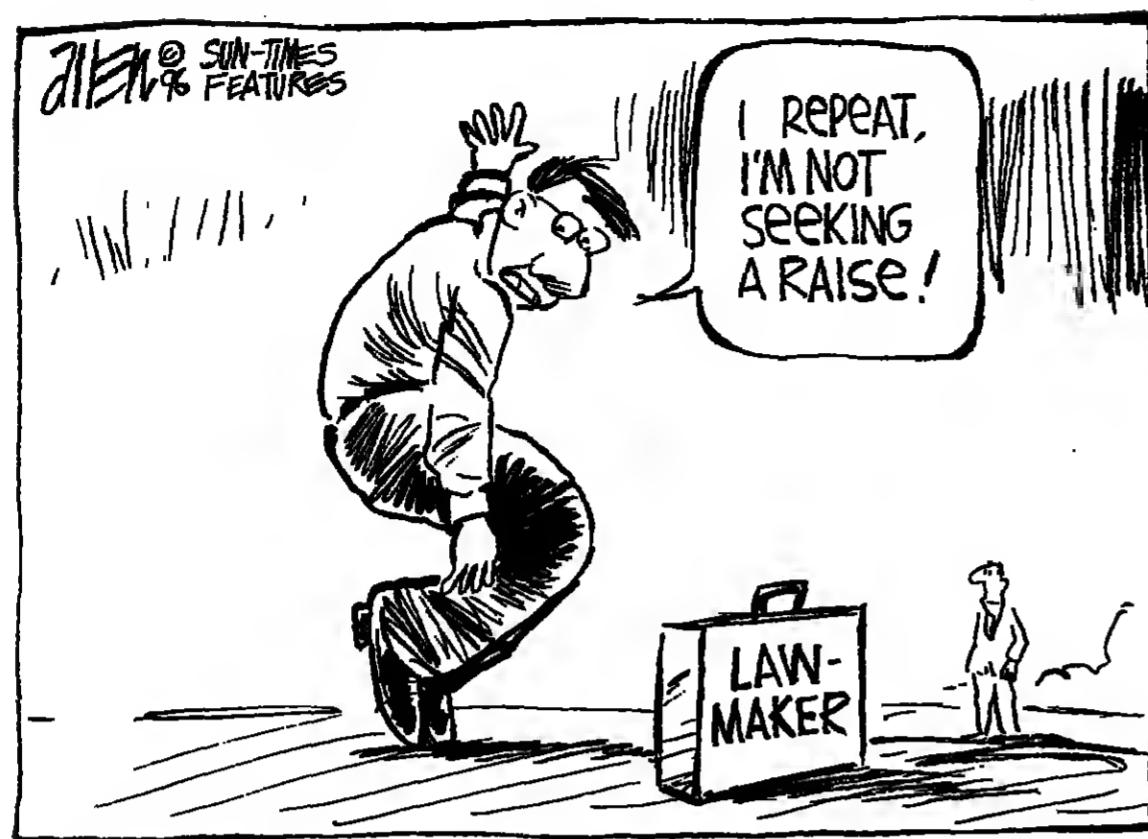
To be sure, the law should not ignore genetic or biological claims. No court should be able simply to "upgrade" a child to "better" parents even if that were in the best interests of the child or of society. But nor should genetics or biology be a conclusive factor in cases where competing parents have reasonable claims to the custody of a child.

The law must strike an appropriate balance between the genetic claims of sperm and egg donors, on the one hand, and the best interests of the child and the legitimate concerns of the adoptive parents, on the other hand. This the court failed to do in the "Baby Richard" case, and now the rapist of a comatose woman may be in a position to claim parental rights to the "proceeds" of his crime. I hope that no court will deem the "Baby Richard" case a precedent for reaching such a monstrous result. But those who would give conclusive weight to genetics — at least in the absence of demonstrable unsuitability of the genetic parent — will have to figure out a way of dealing with cases like that of the rapist-impregnator.

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EDITORIAL CARTOONS



North Carolina is not ready for Jesse Helms

BY ROBERT LAMME

While most of her fellow volunteers are handing out leaflets at the annual Ham and Yam Festival in Smithfield on this sunny April afternoon, 79-year-old retired secretary Mary Lou Ellis is stuffing envelopes in a windowless campaign office. It's a few weeks before the May 7 North Carolina primary and Ellis, a big woman in an ankle-length floral print muumuu and sandals, is in the midst of a 20-hour week working for retired Glaxo Pharmaceutical exec and Democratic Senate hopeful Charlie Sanders. She stops sealing envelopes just long enough to explain why she's supporting Sanders instead of former Charlotte Mayor Harvey Gantt for the dubious honor of taking on Jesse Helms this fall. A little impatient, Ellis says the answer is obvious: "I like Mt. Gantt, but I think Mr. Sanders has a better chance against Jesse. Gantt lost last time, you know."

Too bad North Carolina Democrats aren't taking Mary Lou Ellis's political advice. Their sentiments, however, are easy enough to understand. After all, what's not to love about a black MIT-educated architect who won two terms as mayor in the Republican stronghold of Charlotte, the state's biggest city? Gantt further endeared himself to his party in 1990 when he raised close to \$8 million from glamorous liberals like Paul Newman and Barbra Streisand as well as the usual gang of labor unions, teachers, trial lawyers and gay activists who loved the idea of replacing Helms with the first black ever elected to the U.S. Senate.

Despite the \$17 million Helms threw at him, Gantt actually led with about 10 days left in the race. Then Helms unleashed the notorious "hands ad." It showed a pair of white hands slowly crumpling a rejection letter, while the narrator intoned, "You need that job. And you were the best qualified, but they had to give it to a minority because of racial quotas." Add a Helms mailer to black voters warning that they would face arrest if they weren't registered to vote legally, and the election was over. Helms won, but Gantt achieved something else — he became a Democratic martyr, a victim of a political lynching by the party's most despised enemy.

These days, Gantt is mounting another formidable campaign — raising money throughout the country, positioning himself as a moderate and treading carefully with the media. All of which makes it difficult for Democrats to sell him out for a rich, white retired corporate executive like Sanders, who moved to North Carolina with Glaxo in 1989 and has never run for political office.

But they should. Gantt's a nice guy with sound politics, but in hand-to-hand combat against Helms, he doesn't stand a chance. Democrats have a better shot at winning the race with Sanders — his record as a can-do businessman and a newcomer to party politics will play well with moderates who are the key to winning statewide races in Southern states like North Carolina. And he's already raised at least as much money as Gantt.

Of course, Sanders is no angel. While he was running Glaxo, he was the top contributor to the

company's PAC, which funneled money to Helms, Bush and other Republican incumbents friendly to the drug giant. Sanders insists that the PAC was run independently of the company and that as CEO he was uninvolved in decisions about where the money went — an explanation that strains credibility. And the fact that he moved to North Carolina in 1989 but missed voting for Gantt in 1990 because he didn't bother to register doesn't win him any points, either.

But before Sanders's critics write him off as a far cat carpetbagger, they should take a hard look at a poll conducted by The Raleigh News and Observer last fall. Sure, it showed Gantt running neck and neck with Helms — 46 percent indicated that they would vote for Gantt, with 45 percent supporting Helms and 9 percent undecided. More surprising, however, was how well Sanders did against Helms. Despite the fact that only 10 percent of those polled gave Sanders a favorable rating and over three quarters did not know enough about him to have an opinion, 40 percent still preferred him over Helms in a head-to-head race.

You would think that those kinds of numbers might make folks reconsider Gantt's favored-candidate status. And some have. While North Carolina's Democratic governor, Jim Hunt, is officially staying out of the race, he's quietly helping Sanders with introductions to donors and support within the party establishment.

Unfortunately, the logic of Sanders's candidacy seems to be lost on the state labor unions, teachers and gay organizations that endorsed Gantt earlier this year. These groups ignore Helms's electoral history — in every one of his re-election campaigns, the senator and his opponent have each won about 45 percent of the electorate early and slugged it out over the remaining swing voters, most of whom are white. In 1990, Helms took 53 percent of the vote to Gantt's 47 percent. In 1984, Helms beat Hunt by four percentage points. In 1978, Helms won his largest margin of victory by defeating John Ingram by ten points. Those aren't overwhelming numbers. Helms can be beaten, but to pull it off his opponent must get his vote out while attracting moderate undecideds and not giving Helms's partisans any more reason to go to the polls.

What about the black vote? After all, blacks make up about 18 percent of the state's electorate, and, unless they get to the polls in big numbers, Gantt supporters argue, Jesse's as good as re-elected. Who's more likely to get them there than Harvey Gantt?

Well, there's always Bob Dole

and Bill Clinton. In 1990, Helms vs. Gantt was the only statewide race in North Carolina. This time around, the presidential race, a gubernatorial campaign and a number of other statewide races are on the ballot. Surely, the prospect of having Dole elected president or losing the governor's race to a Republican will give blacks a reason to turnout beyond racial solidarity.

Which brings us to the issue of race. It's a sad fact, but a fact nonetheless, that North Carolina simply isn't ready to elect a black man to the U.S. Senate. Some of the state's black politicians have been willing to face this. Rex Harris is the former state chairman for Jesse Jackson's 1988 presidential

campaign bid and a prominent black Democrat in Fayetteville, the state's fourth-largest metro area. "No black will beat Jesse Helms," Harris told the Associated Press. "I think many of us here feel that [Sanders] has the chance to beat Jesse Helms." For black Democrats, the goal is to beat Helms, not to go down in flames with the satisfaction of knowing they supported the politically correct candidate.

Of course, if the Republican incumbent were a moderate in the Arlen Specter mold, it might be worth risking the election for the chance of getting Gantt into office. But Helms isn't Specter — he's a poster boy for the GOP's right wing. As chair of the Senate Foreign Relations Committee, Helms has been a nightmare. Since taking over the committee last year, he has wreaked havoc with the day-to-day operation of American foreign policy — freezing dozens of ambassadorial nominations as well as consideration of the START II and Chemical Weapons Convention arms treaties. Taking Helms out would be a body blow to the Republican Revolution and a service to both North Carolina and the country.

Even with Sanders on the ballot, beating Helms is still a long shot, of course. But it can be done. The same News and Observer poll showed that Helms is almost as unpopular with North Carolina voters as Bill Clinton. Forty-five percent of the 60+ adults polled disapproved of Helms's performance in Senate, while 49 percent disapproved of the president's tenure.

There's also hope that Helms will be weakened by his recent falling out with the Raleigh-based Conservative Club, the political machine that has steered him to victory since 1972, and with Carter Wrenn, the club's political mastermind who managed Helms's last three campaigns. Helms lost another close aide earlier this month, when Alex Castellanos, one of the minds behind the hands ad, left the campaign in a dispute over a TV spot accusing Sanders and Gantt of supporting Clinton, racial quotas and benefits for homosexuals and their partners. Facing Sanders without Wrenn and Castellanos, Helms's new hatchet men will have to come up with a strategy for beating a pro-business moderate who has created thousands of new jobs without ever having had to cast an unpopular vote.

With Gantt on the ballot, on the other hand, the Helms strategy is a no-brainer: just crank up the 1990 campaign and start pounding away. Once that happens, the only hope North Carolina Democrats have to replace Helms is Divine Recall. In that race, Helms is a safe bet against the Devil any day.

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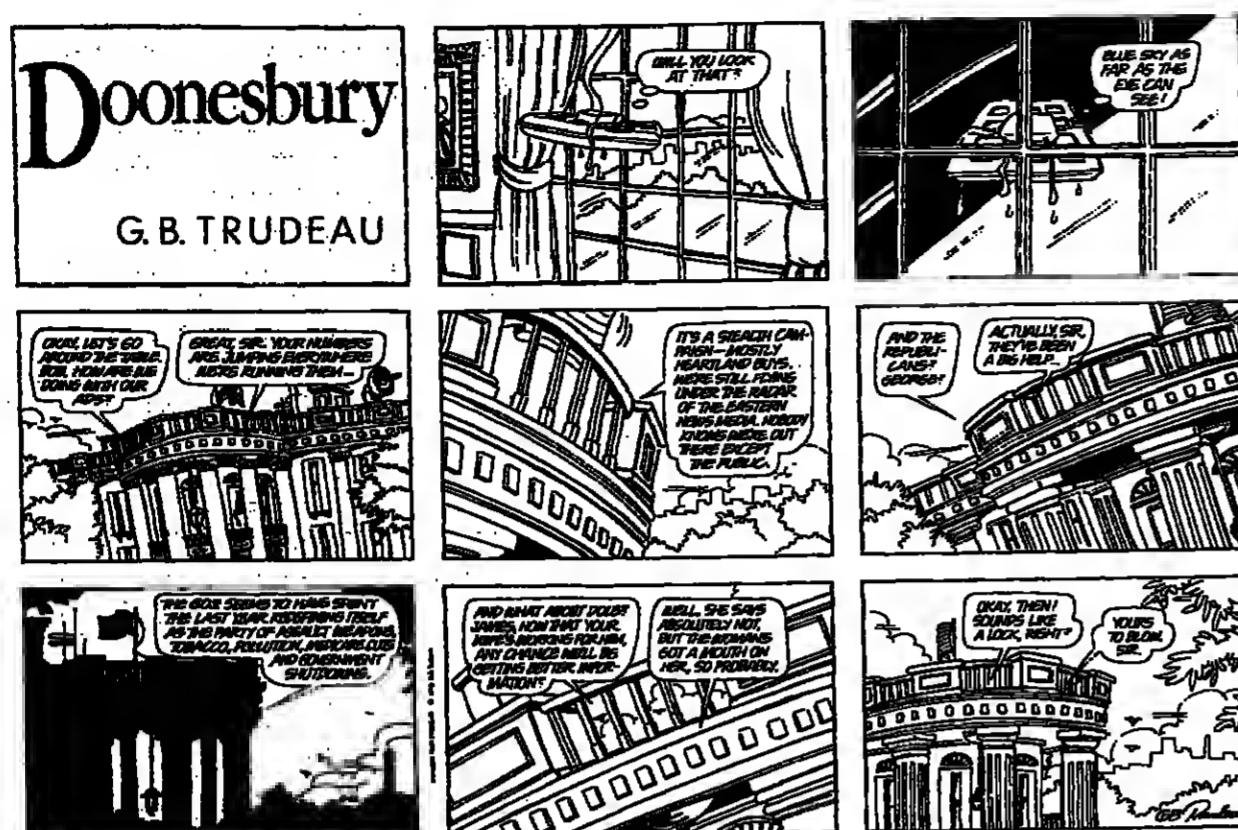
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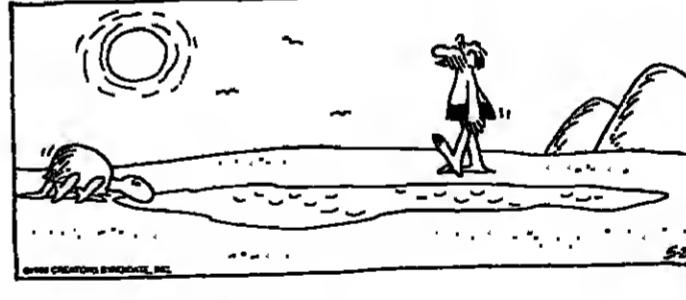
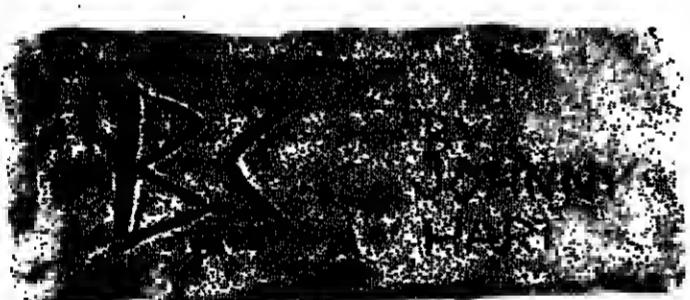
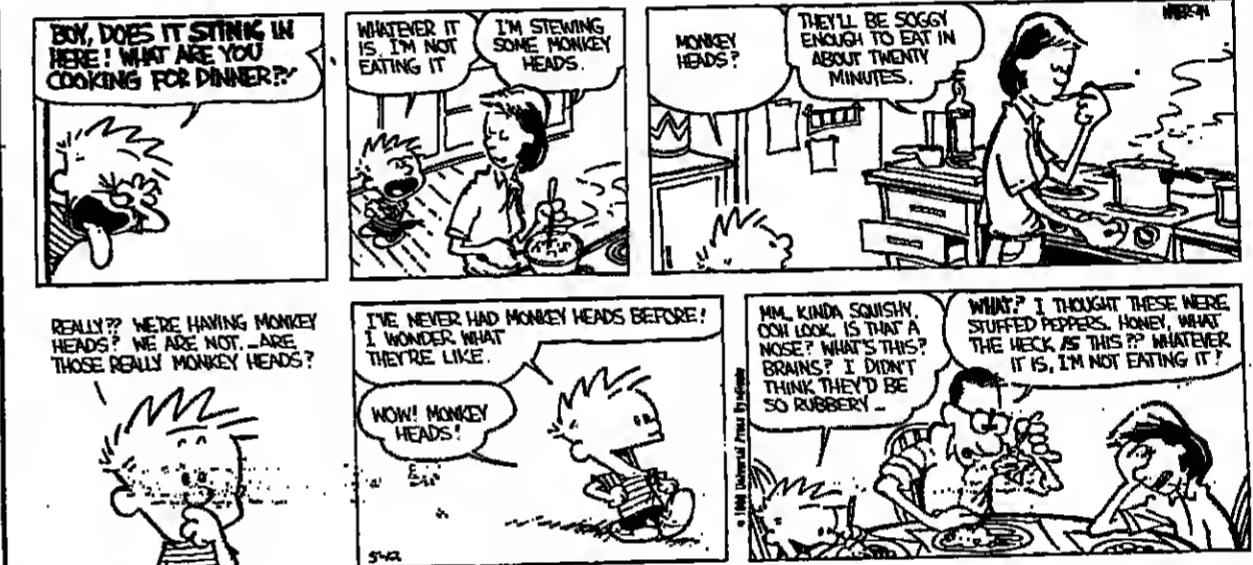
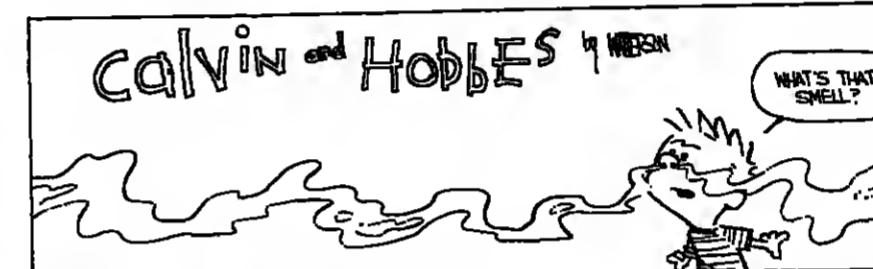
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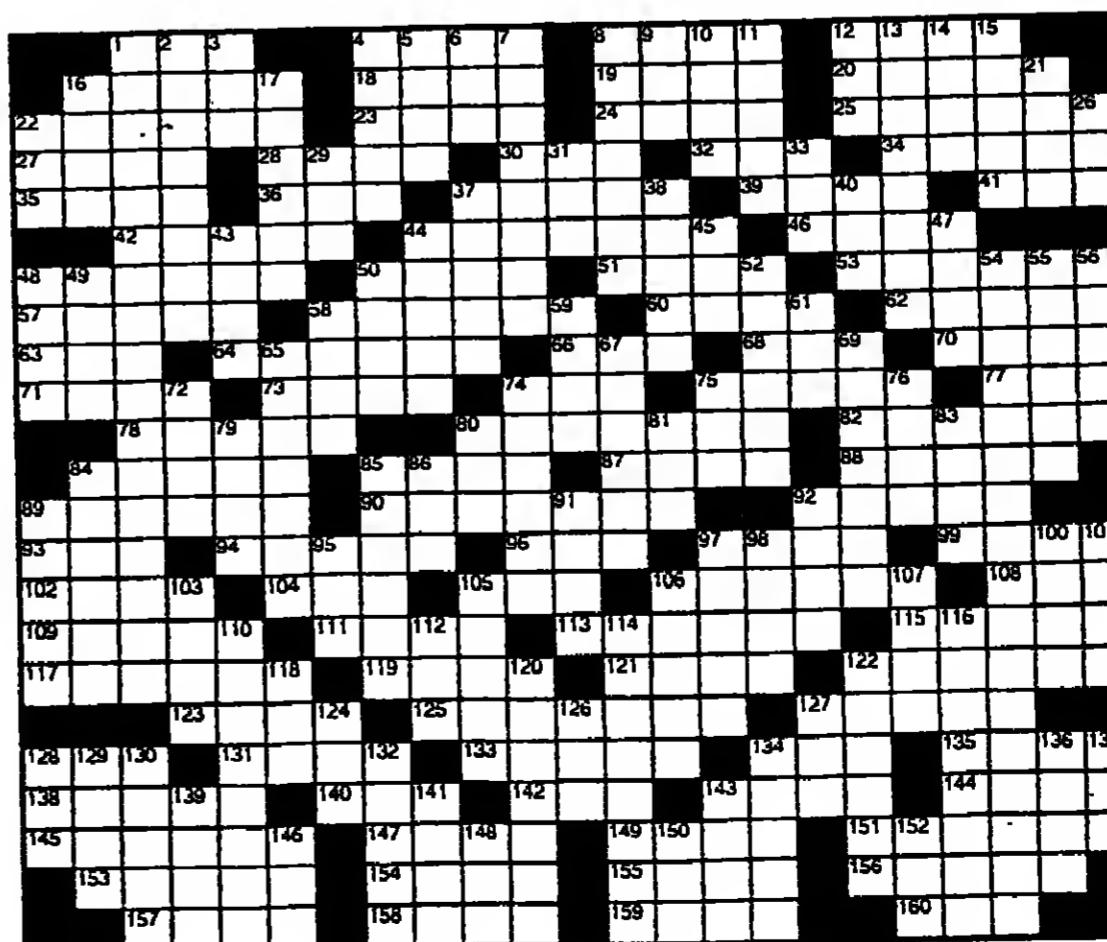
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- 1 "How's that?"
- 4 Use a mop
- 6 Clever remark
- 12 Ready for business
- 13 Stainless garment
- 15 Bath cloth
- 19 Arm bone
- 20 Embankment
- 22 Great's sibling
- 23 Action movie
- 24 Movie college town
- 25 Swimmer
- 26 Gertrude —
- 27 Comedian Johnson
- 28 Monsieur
- 30 Auto
- 32 Gag letter
- 34 "The King"
- 35 Skilled
- 36 Posed
- 37 Moisten the turkey
- 39 Cupid
- 41 Have a meal
- 42 Additional
- 44 People
- 46 Tiny amount
- 48 Pitched
- 50 She gets what she wanted
- 51 Abound
- 53 Carpenter's tool
- 57 Make a mistake
- 58 Offer unwanted advice
- 60 Domestic
- 62 French river
- 63 Grow older
- 64 New York player
- 65 Jazz kid
- 66 Old French coin
- 70 Acress Gilbert
- 71 Comedian Fox
- 72 Spy look
- 74 Singleton
- 75 Shorthand expert
- 77 Singer Davis
- 78 Singer's cap
- 80 Maternal
- 82 Smear with oil
- 84 Owner's machine
- 85 Mets' stadium
- 87 Swan genus
- 88 Most unfavorable
- 89 Pin
- 90 Confection
- 92 1996 Coen brothers film
- 93 Numero —
- 94 Long-plumbed bird
- 95 Nine yield
- 97 Restaurant
- 98 Noel
- 102 Mongolian desert
- 104 Urge
- 105 Chair for pod
- 106 Herman or Reese
- 108 This second
- 109 — we all?
- 111 Rover's pal
- 113 Embroidery yarn
- 115 Fly
- 116 Choc. — precise
- 119 Bulletpoint Carré Chapman —
- 121 — Three Lives'
- 122 Bol gently
- 123 Eve's grandson
- 127 Actress Hopkins
- 128 End
- 129 Colorless
- 132 Shell
- 134 Meadow
- 135 Summit
- 138 Tolstole
- 140 Amazon's foot
- 142 Family nickname
- 143 Tired
- 144 Home
- 145 Long for
- 147 Like Felix Unger
- 149 Press
- 151 Ocean voyage
- 153 Delaware capital
- 154 Tim Taylor's wife
- 155 Singing Lane —
- 157 Nothing: Sp.
- 158 Hedgehog border
- 159 German over
- 160 Very small
- 161 Swan's mate
- 163 Sounding board
- 165 Sensitive condition
- 167 Rest
- 169 Ignorant
- 170 Dame if!
- 174 Public speaker

DOWN

- 1 With "The," Tom Clancy novel
- 2 Disturb
- 3 Hasten
- 4 Begin
- 5 Cocky edge
- 6 Umbrella
- 7 Cart game
- 8 Foursome
- 9 German city
- 10 Arrow poison
- 11 Adhesive
- 12 Star's cheer
- 13 Statue's base
- 14 Danaville Kneivel
- 15 Word used before center or gas
- 18 Baby's weeding
- 19 Short
- 21 Lamb's pen name
- 22 Owned
- 26 Superlative ending
- 29 Needles
- 31 Cat's killer
- 33 "Exodus" hero
- 37 Entomologist
- 38 Fox
- 40 — la la
- 43 Actress Lamar
- 44 Like a judge?
- 45 Afternoon event
- 47 Famous" cookie master
- 48 Listen to
- 49 Reindeer
- 50 Envoy
- 52 Mettle
- 54 "Words Get in the Way" band
- 55 Off-the-mark
- 56 Respond
- 58 Leaf
- 59 Secular
- 61 Female deer
- 65 Sensitive condition
- 67 Rest
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- 74 Public speaker
- 75 Hr sign
- 76 About
- 78 Away from the wind
- 80 Writing instrument
- 81 Model card —
- 83 Wind party
- 84 Metal state
- 85 Picturescope
- 88 Very warm
- 89 Bandleader Xavier —
- 91 Captain or Somewhat
- 92 Bird
- 95 Godtron off.
- 97 Condaff
- 98 Pay attention
- 100 Team box
- 101 Book pitcher
- 103 "Florida" playwright
- 105 Aggregate
- 106 Marteque volcano
- 107 Author Ludwig
- 110 Man in affair
- 112 Water barrier
- 114 Choice seats
- 116 Not grown-up
- 118 Rocky Hill
- 120 Railroad bridge
- 122 Type of warrant
- 124 Teat's fluid
- 125 — All
- 127 Goliath bag boy
- 128 It's not perfume
- 129 In the sack
- 130 Buffalo
- 132 Stoned instrument
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- 137 Compass pt.
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- 141 Fish trap
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- 148 Historic period
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Senator experiences a liberal awakening

BY MATTHEW COOPER

Bravo, Pete Domenici. Because of the New Mexico Republican, the Kennedy-Kassebaum bill has been amended to prevent insurers from treating serious mental health problems differently than they do physical health problems.

No longer, for instance, could an insurance plan cover 90 days of hospitalization for a physical ailment but only 30 days for a mental health problem. The provision is long overdue, say many health economists. They argue that equity for mental health claims will actually save money in the long run by encouraging people to get serious treatment before their conditions get worse — and more expensive. Even though Domenici's amendment will not force insurers to support endless years of psychotherapy — the deliciously named Woody Allen problem — businesses are fighting this new federal mandate with predictable reflexiveness. They hope to kill it when a final version of a health care bill emerges from a House-Senate conference committee. The opponents include the U.S. Chamber of Commerce and the National Association of Manufacturers. Even Kennedy himself wants the mental health provision excised, lest it scuttle the larger bill.

The episode points up one of the more intriguing examples of myopia on the right — what might be called the liberal-for-a-day phenomenon. Senator Domenici, who sponsored the mental health provision along with one of his most liberal colleagues, Paul Wellstone of Minnesota, is one of the most popular senators in Washington. He's liked for his personable demeanor, his rectitude, his wariness of supply-side fantasy. For the most part he is a hard-nosed conservative with a Westerner's disdain for Washington. So why is he to the left of Ted Kennedy on mental health? The answer lies in Domenici's personal experience. He has a daughter who has suffered from mental illness. To his eternal credit, Domenici, along with his wife, Nancy, has done much to raise awareness of mental health issues. Nancy Domenici is active in the National Alliance for the Mentally Ill and has even protested to a greeting card manufacturer about its mocking use of the word schizophrenic in one of its birthday cards.

It's hard to feel anything but sympathy for parents who have seen their children suffer. But it's worth noting, too, that Domenici's compas-

sion does not easily extend beyond his own family's circumstances. Domenici has fought hard to make sure that the mentally ill have parity with the physically ill. But he's hardly been as determined to make sure that the nearly 40 million Americans who don't have health insurance at all get some kind of coverage. That, it seems, can wait. And, on a number of issues, Domenici has been less than empathetic. The Brady Bill? You might have expected Domenici to favor a bill that would have made it a lot harder for the mentally ill to purchase a gun. He would have been the perfect person to tell gun owners that a waiting period is sensible. Alas, he voted against it.

As you might expect, Domenici is not alone in experiencing a liberal awakening when his own family is involved. Mike DeWine, the junior senator from Ohio and a rock-ribbed Republican, was elected as part of the New Revolution in 1994. During his Senate campaign DeWine attacked the government's "regulatory choke hold." And so it's not surprising that, when the massive conservative deregulation effort came up in the Senate, DeWine didn't oppose it even though many senators, including Republicans like Olympia Snowe and Arlen Specter, had, at various times, thwarted debate because many charged the measure would have damaged worker and environmental safety. But DeWine has supported one very heavy-handed form of federal regulation that most conservatives eschew: the federal 55 mph speed limit. DeWine's 22-year-old daughter, Becky, was tragically killed in an auto accident on a rain-soaked highway in 1993. It's hard to imagine anything more anguishing. And it is to DeWine's credit that he's fought for tougher penalties for drunk driving, for simplifying organ donation and for lowering speed limits, even against the wishes of states that want to raise limits or abolish them altogether. But if he can see the beneficial uses of federal regulation on this issue, why is he often against it elsewhere?

Of course, one-issue liberalism is not uncommon. Alan Simpson joined Domenici's fight for better mental health care benefits in large part because his niece committed suicide. George Will has written eloquently about children with Down Syndrome and the stereotypes they face; his writing is informed by his own son's experience. In 1983, he lashed out at a Reagan official who said that the country was spending too much on disabled children to the

detriment of those without disabilities. That's exactly the kind of neoconservative argument that Will can usually be counted on to favor. Instead, Will offered a nuanced and convincing defense of these programs. But anyone who's read Will knows how rarely he defends a liberal program for its compassion. And, of course, there's Bob Dole. He's been particularly active in helping those with disabilities, an empathy born of his own injuries. At the same time, though, he boasted last year that he was an original opponent of Medicare.

Liberals ought to welcome conservatives to their side whenever they can. But they shouldn't shy away from pointing out that conservative empathy could stand a little elasticity. Dan Quayle told Larry King in 1992 that if his daughter became pregnant, he would discuss options with her. Liberals should have gone crazy. Quayle would consider abortion a family matter for his own daughters but would criminalize it for everyone else.

This kind of conservative myopia is a different phenomenon than straight hypocrisy, which is more common. There's pork-based hypocrisy like Phil Gramm's unflagging support for big Texas projects like the supercollider, which he favors while, with a straight face, arguing for "less government and more freedom." And there's politically expedient hypocrisy, like Al D'Amato's support for gays in the military, a position that — call me nutty — seems to have more to do with New York's politics than with the junior senator's personal empathy for homosexuals. No, the Domenici-DeWine fallacy is born of personal experience, and so is at once more understandable and more frustrating. It's understandable because every parent wants to help his or her child; it's frustrating because one would hope that a personal tragedy would at least lead to a wider sense of empathy. Wouldn't it be better if Domenici worked as tirelessly for universal health care as he does for mental illness? Wouldn't it be better if DeWine expanded his commendable empathy for auto safety and became the pre-eminent fighter for workplace safety and a much tougher OSHA? And wouldn't it be better if Dole, who runs for president trumpeting his war wounds, did more for society's other underdogs?

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Americans sign new agreement with Japan

BY CHARLES LANE

The highlight of President Clinton's recent foray into Northeast Asia — besides his polishing off a state dinner with no sudden attack of indigestion — was the announcement of a new American-Japanese mutual security agreement in Tokyo. The changes it makes might seem incremental, but they are far-reaching. The U.S. is redeploying forces from some of their unpopular bases on Okinawa without reducing overall troop strength; in return, Japan has agreed to pay more for their upkeep. More important, the Japanese will for the first time study the idea of lending concrete support to a U.S. war effort should a crisis arise in the region. "Studying" the possibility may sound pedestrian to Americans, but, in the context of Japan's pacifist postwar constitution, it is pretty novel.

No sooner had the document been signed, however, than America's Japanophobic trade hawks began dismissing the pact as, at best, an election-year publicity stunt, and, at worst, proof that Clinton has finally surrendered in the long economic struggle with Japan Inc.

"The changes proposed in the security relationship barely deserve the label 'cosmetic,'" huffed Ted Galen Carpenter of the neo-isolationist Cato Institute. The Japanese have so thoroughly outfoxed the U.S. in trade talks, the argument goes, that the president decided to manufacture some good news about security issues.

When it comes to Clinton's foreign policy, it never pays to underestimate campaign considerations. However, I think there's more to this story. After all, if the president was mainly interested in scoring points with the voters back home, he would have staged a noisy stand-off with Prime Minister Ryutaro Hashimoto over Japanese protectionism. Bob Dole promptly took him to task because he didn't.

Clinton's decision to modernize U.S.-Japanese security arrangements is probably just what he claims it is: the product of a months-long policy review within his administration, and of a dialogue with the Japanese, in which both sides have decided that their long-term interest in a stabilizing U.S. presence in Northeast Asia outweighs their undeniable economic and cultural differences.

To the America-out-of-Asia-now crowd, the American troop presence in South Korea and Japan serves as an expensive guarantor of Japan's mercantilist co-prosperity sphere; it serves no U.S. interest in the post-cold war world. Clinton's early talk about how economics were becoming as important to U.S. security as military strength and political alliances encouraged their hope that we might finally leave the Japanese to their own devices. But in the past three years, two relatively poor but militarily restless Asian states — China and North Korea — have threatened the Pacific Rim, causing Clinton to tilt from the Commerce Department's trade-centered view of Japan in favor of the Pentagon's more traditional politico-military conception. Now it appears that the U.S. troop presence is to be extended indefinitely.

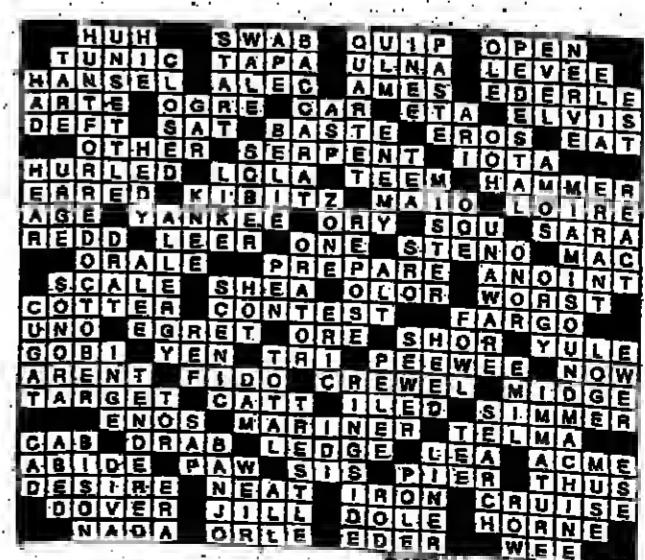
History will probably record this as one of the more farsighted decisions of Clinton's presidency. As is so often the case, the self-styled "realism" of "nationalistic" American approaches to Asia is, in fact, myopic and unrealistic. Clinton is not only accommodating U.S. policy to the reality of a possible North Korean or Chinese threat to peace, he is also responding to the reality, recently documented for him by White House aides, that the economic relationship between this country and Japan is no longer that of doormat to juggernaut (if it ever truly was). Asian capitalism, it turns out, is not some sort of economic perpetual motion machine. It is subject to the same long-term market and demographic forces that eventually moderated the growth potential of other mature industrial economies.

While the Cold War may be over in Northeast Asia, a cold war, or wars, linger on. This still-lame struggle consists of crosscutting contests among China, Taiwan, Japan and North and South Korea. None of these actors trusts each other very much; none, therefore, can quite decide with whom to align itself. These countries could seek a balance of power on their own, but, given their vast differences in size, wealth and technological advancement, the likely result of any such effort would be a destabilizing scramble for power and armaments.

The last time Northeast Asia's regional rivalries were allowed to run their course the U.S. got sucked into a bloody Pacific war that lasted almost four years and set back the economic progress of half of humanity by a generation. Given this history, I've never quite understood why some Americans seem so eager for a return to conflictual relations with Japan. The purportedly expensive and unnecessary investment we are making now in an Asian military presence looks mighty cheap when you consider the alternative.

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Now we see them, but soon we won't

World Monuments Watch is battling to save an 'endangered species,' reports Marilyn Henry from New York

RAVAGED by war, poisoned by pollution and undermined by neglect, monuments around the world are imperiled.

Of course, this is nothing new. Some of the wonders of the world have long been decidedly worn, and people have been fretting about the condition of, for example, the Taj Mahal for years.

To draw attention to the plight of the less majestic, but no less imperiled, the World Monuments Watch has compiled a list of this "endangered species."

It has identified 100 cultural sites from 57 countries in dire need of rescue. The list includes two in Israel as well as Jewish sites in the Mediterranean region and in Central Europe.

Some sites on the list have been damaged in armed conflicts, including in the Balkans, Cambodia and Vietnam.

Others have been the victims of neglect, particularly since World War II. "Former monasteries and aristocratic estates, which played meaningful roles in society until after the war, are now derelict and on the verge of destruction," the World Monuments Fund said in a statement.

Yet other sites have been damaged by uncontrolled development. The deterioration of the Taj Mahal and the Hagia Sophia church in Istanbul, for example, illustrate the problem of industrial pollution and the pressures of increasing population.

Natural disasters, like hurricanes and earthquakes, have harmed some sites, including Petra in Jordan.

The Fund's director, Bonnie Burnham, estimated that it would take \$200 million to begin to rescue these sites — "the revenues from a highly successful Hollywood film."

World Monuments Watch is a new project of the fund, a non-profit organization founded in 1965, that identifies endangered sites and assists in securing financial and technical support for their preservation.

Early support for the new list has come from the American Express Company, which committed \$5 million for unspecified preservation projects.

The travel-services conglomerate, in amounts



The decay of Petra, which is routinely threatened by floods and seismic vibrations, is almost as famed as its delicate beauty, notes World Monuments Watch. (Karen Beazian)

its contribution, noted the self-interest behind its philanthropy. Monuments, American Express said, are symbols of cultural heritage that can influence the quality of life and the shared sense of identity of communities and nations. They also play a vital role in motivating tourism and travel.

The nature of the "rescue" differs from site to site. Some entail complicated engineering projects. Others require a political commitment for intelligent development in their vicinities.

"THE WHITE City" in Tel Aviv, which the fund

called "a capsule history of international modern architecture," is on the endangered species list.

The site, which was constructed from 1930 to 1939, has declined due to neglect and lack of knowledge about restoration, according to the fund.

"Plans for revitalization of the city would allow floors to be added to the buildings," the fund said. "The result would be disastrous — an alteration of scale through the destruction of the architect's minimalist language."

The second monument in Israel is the

Gemeindehaus in Haifa, which was built in 1869 to house the Templer community school. In 1943, the Templers were repatriated to Germany, and the building was abandoned, vandalized and damaged by fire.

"Only if a new use is found for the Gemeindehaus will its continued existence be assured," the fund said.

The other Jewish sites are synagogues in Crete, Fez and Yugoslavia, and a remnant of the Warsaw Ghetto.

The Etz Hayim Synagogue in Crete is the only surviving Jewish monument on the island. It

was built as a church in the 15th century, during Venetian rule, and was converted into a synagogue in the late 17th century, under Ottoman rule.

The synagogue fell into disuse when the Jewish emigration began with Greece's annexation of Crete in 1913. In 1941, only 376 Jews remained. They were deported by the Nazis and died when their transport ship was bombed by the Allies.

Two 17th-century synagogues in Fez, Morocco, are on the list. The Rabbi Shlomo Ibn Danan and Mansano synagogues, in the heart of the commercial center, are falling into decline as the Jewish community shrinks and does not have adequate resources to maintain them.

The Ibn Danan synagogue, the fund said, contains perhaps the only complete set of Moroccan synagogue fittings still in existence, including the ark, reader's platform, benches and embroidered wall hangings.

The Subotica Synagogue in Yugoslavia was built in 1902 near the Hungarian border. Restoration of the building began in the 1980s but was halted by Yugoslavia's economic collapse and the onset of the civil war.

The synagogue uses Byzantine and Turkish architectural styles and Hungarian folk motifs. It is thought to be one of the last surviving examples of what is called "Viennese Secession" style — a Central European version of Art Nouveau that was briefly popular before World War I.

The site on Prozna Street in Warsaw is comprised of four large tenements near Grzybowski Square. The buildings in the ghetto that were not demolished have been neglected and vandalized. They are so unsound that in 1985 the government erected scaffolding around them to protect pedestrians.

In our region, ancient Tyre in Lebanon and Wadi Mousa in Petra were also on the list.

"The decay of Petra is almost as famed as its delicate beauty," the fund said, noting that Petra is routinely threatened by floods and seismic vibrations.

Some of those designated as endangered sites worthy of scarce preservation funds were highly unusual.

Take, for example, the Eastern State Penitentiary in Philadelphia, Pennsylvania. The prison — which pioneered the American practice of solitary confinement — looks like a starfish from the air. Built between 1829 and 1835, it has seven long cell blocks radiating from a central point. It was abandoned in 1970 and seems inefficient for alternate uses.

Such industrial constructions "might not seem worthy to be considered among the world's great building achievements," Burnham said in a statement. "Yet they represent significant architectural solutions to the social needs of their times."

More than one way to mount a horse

HEADS N TAILS
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In most places horses are mounted on the left because riders are taught to do so.

their hands on the horse's haunch and leaping into the saddle. Native Americans mount from either side.

The preference for left-sided mounting probably goes back to the early Middle Ages, when most riders were armed men. In Britain and Europe, a fighting man wore a long sword on his left side. This made mounting from the right somewhat difficult.

In the East, where the arms were

short, curved scimitars worn on the right, mounting from the right was easier, although the weapon was not nearly as cumbersome as the European broadsword or longsword.

That is the only known reason for left-sided mounting. Horse trainers are advised to teach horses to be mounted from either side so that in an emergency situation riders can mount from any position.

The poet who found words for the Holocaust

DAN Pagis wrote heartfelt poems about the Holocaust, though he knew — and said — the Holocaust could not be expressed in words.

From his arrival here in 1946, Pagis refused to refer to the war years, which he'd spent in Transnistria camps. He called himself "Dan," never revealing to anybody the name he had been given at birth in Romania.

The past was best kept deep in his subconscious. It reappeared, however, when Eichmann was tried in Jerusalem, and literary historians now consider Dan Pagis "a poet of the Holocaust."

Dan was four years old when World War II broke out. His widowed father was by then living in Tel Aviv, where he had said he was first going to establish himself before bringing his son over to be with him.

Meanwhile, the boy lived with his grandparents in Czernowitz, the main city of Bukovina. His mother had died when he was an infant. Of course, nobody could foresee the war, the Romanian alliance with the Nazis and the deportation of the Jews.

Dan survived somehow, and he was already a lad of nearly 15 when he finally saw his father in Tel Aviv. The encounter was not a pleasant one.

His father was living with another woman in a rented room, subsisting on a meager salary as a bookkeeper. The best he could do for his son was to take him to Kibbutz Merhavia, in the Jezreel Valley, as a paid ward.

Dan had little say in the matter — he could not know what kibbutz education was like. Anyhow, he had learned in Transnistria that every child learns by instinct in any dictatorial regime: never complain, never suggest.

THERE AND THEN
SRAVA SHAPIRO

Kishinev, where Dan's father was born, and Czernowitz, his mother's home town, were united under one rule — Romanian — after World War I; but they were worlds apart culturally, ooots Ada Pagis, Dan's widow, in *Lev Piomi* ("Suddenly the Heart"), published by Am Oved, 168 pp.

The Austanders, in Czernowitz, had adopted German culture from the Austrians who had ruled there since 1877. The Russian-speaking Pagis family owned the first cinema in Kishinev, the capital of Bessarabia, which had fallen to the tsars early in the 19th century.

Julia Auslander married — against her parents' better judgment — Joseph Pagis, who spoke only a little German. He emigrated to Palestine soon after his son was born, hoping to get settled before bringing his family there.

But Julia died following an operation, and when World War II erupted, Dan and his grandparents were deported to Transnistria. Meanwhile, the boy lived with his grandparents in Czernowitz, the main city of Bukovina. His mother had died when he was an infant. Of course, nobody could foresee the war, the Romanian alliance with the Nazis and the deportation of the Jews.

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Dan refused to talk about it. Only after Eichmann's trial did the trauma of deportation and what followed find its indirect expression in verse.

His ship's ensign was lost, he wrote. "The charts were misleading. Let us kneel and thank good-

Pagis; but the teachers were devoted educators, "not just preparing students for manipulation examinations."

After serving three years as instructor in Kibbutz Gat, Dan enlisted in the Hebrew University, specializing in Medieval Hebrew poetry, "though his preference would have been English literature."

Ada was his student. Their marriage proved to be a stormy one, marked by frequent outbreaks followed by happy reconciliations. They had two children, whom Dan adored. One night, when they were in Florence, Dan made a dash for the window, in an obvious attempt to jump, and was saved by Ada who grabbed him from the window sill.

He was an individualist who tried hard to integrate into a group — any group — in the vain hope of gaining a sense of belonging, explains his widow. But first and foremost, he was a poet.

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ManU makes soccer history with second double

LONDON (Reuters) - Manchester United created English soccer history yesterday when they beat Liverpool 1-0 in the FA Cup final to become the first team to win the double twice.

The only goal of a largely disappointing match was scored by Frenchman Eric Cantona with five minutes to play when the United skipper volleyed home from the edge of the penalty box.

Cantona, England's footballer of the year, also made history by becoming the first foreign player to captain an English Cup-winning side.

United, which won the Premier League championship last week, have now won the FA Cup a record nine times after clinching the double for the second time in three years.

In the previous 106 years in English soccer the double had only been won five times.

The goal came just as it seemed the match was heading for extra time after both sides had failed to stamp any real authority on the game.

The situation changed in a flash with five minutes to go. David Beckham swung over a corner from the Liverpool left, which the goalkeeper David James punched clear.

But the ball took a deflection off Liverpool veteran Ian Rush

straight to Cantona, lurking in the penalty area. The Frenchman swung his right foot at it and the ball went like a dart through a crowd of defenders into the back of the net.

There was no time for Liverpool to come back from that blow and five minutes later United had written another page in their illustrious history.

They have now won eight major titles so far this decade — three league titles (1993, 1994, 1996), three FA Cups (1990, 1994 and 1996), the European Cup Winners' Cup (1991) and the English League Cup (1992).

That record means that manager Alex Ferguson, already assured of his place among the great managers of all time, is fast approaching Sir Matt Busby as the most successful United manager in the club's history.

The only consolation for Liverpool is that they will play in next season's European Cup Winners' Cup, as United booked their place in the European Cup last week.

Despite some moments of high drama the match was generally disappointing, with only two real scoring chances of note before Cantona struck.

The first came after only five minutes when Beckham forced James to make an excellent dive

ing save low to his right with a powerfully hit 15-meter drive.

The second came three minutes into the second half, when Cantona brought another superb save from James with a close-range volley.

Oddly, apart from that effort and his goal, Cantona — who missed last year's final against Everton because he was banned following his infamous attack on a fan the previous January — made relatively little impact.

United had opened brightly, dominating the first 20 minutes, but they gradually allowed Liverpool back into the game.

But despite much of their hard-won territorial advantage in the second half, Liverpool rarely troubled Danish international Peter Schmeichel in the United goal, who hardly had a difficult save to make.

Andy Cole, generally dubbed United's £7 million misfit after a series of nightmare performances this season, had another poor game.

The only mitigation for Cole was that his teammates did not give him the ball too often — but even when they did he created little of note and was eventually replaced by Paul Scholes after 63 minutes.

But Cole was not the only one



HISTORIC GOAL — Manchester United's Eric Cantona (left) celebrates after scoring the game's only goal against Liverpool during the FA Cup final at Wembley Stadium yesterday. (Reuters)

guilty of performing below par. Liverpool strikers Stan Collymore and Robbie Fowler also wasted what few clear chances they had with Collymore blasting

three speculative long-range shots over the bar in the first half.

Collymore was replaced after 74 minutes by Rush, the all-time record scorer in FA Cup finals

with five goals in the three previous finals he had played in.

But Rush, making his last appearance for Liverpool, for once was totally overshadowed by

Cantona — who has now scored three Cup final goals himself after his two penalties against Chelsea when United won the Cup in 1994.

Gretzky puts Blues even with Red Wings in series

ST. LOUIS (AP) — Wayne Gretzky scored his first goal of the playoffs and Joo-Cheong, a rusty backup at the start of the postseason, threw a shutout at the Detroit Red Wings as the St. Louis Blues won 1-0 Friday night to even the series 2-2.

Gretzky finally added to his NHL record with playoff goal No. 111 when he scored on a break-in during a power play at 4:40 of the second period.

Casey, 34, who gave up eight goals in Game 2, stopped 28 shots for his third career playoff shutout and first since 1991, the year he led the underdog Minnesota North Stars to the Stanley Cup finals. He also assisted on Gretzky's goal.

Casey also has 16 career shutouts in the regular season. None were bigger than this: The Red Wings were not shut out in the regular season.

The Blues surprised the heavily favored Red Wings, who set an NHL record with 62 regular-season victories, with consecutive wins at home, including 5-4 in overtime Wednesday night. Game 5 is today in Detroit.

Shayne Corson took a long outlet pass from Casey, then fed it to Gretzky alone a few strides short of the Red Wings' blue line. Gretzky skated in and put a slap shot between Chris Osgood's pads.

Gretzky has been maligned in the playoffs for either running out of gas or general ineffective play. Yet his line has 34 of the

Blues' 82 points in the playoffs.

The Blues were outshot 29-15, but the St. Louis defense helped Casey by clearing most rebounds and forcing the faster Red Wings to the outside. The Blues shut down Red Wings center Steve Yzerman, who had five goals and three assists in his previous two games, holding him to two shots.

THURSDAY'S GAMES

Penguins 4, Rangers 1
Pittsburgh, again keyed by Ken Wregget's spectacular goal-tending, beat host New York Thursday night and moved within one victory of the Eastern Conference finals.

The Penguins took a 3-1 lead in the best-of-seven series.

The Penguins used the formula that helped them win Game 3. They took an early lead and held on for dear life, with Wregget providing much of the support. He was outstanding from start to finish, making two of his 40 saves while sprawled on the ice.

The Penguins remained unbeaten on the road in the playoffs (5-0). They also continued to dominate the Rangers at the Garden, where they have won six of seven playoff games in their three postseason series.

Jaromir Jagr, Petr Nedved, Glen Murray and Mario Lemieux scored for the Penguins, the latter into an empty net with 28.8 seconds left.

Adam Graves scored for New York to cut Pittsburgh's lead to 2-1 in the second period, but Wregget and the Penguins defense held up.

The Penguins took a 1-0 lead at 4:35 of the first when Jagr beat Mike Richter with a sharp-angle shot from deep on the right side. Jagr picked up a loose puck as he skated out from behind the net and found an opening for his seventh playoff goal.

Nedved made it 2-0 at 12:27 of the second with a wrist shot from the left circle. Nedved's seventh beat Richter

scooted again on a 5-on-3 power play when he beat Hextall on his glove side at 8:23.

Renberg and Ron Brind'Amour tied it up in a second period in which the Flyers outshot Florida 24-11. Florida goaltender John Vanbiesbrouck made several spectacular saves in the middle period, but the Flyers' onslaught wore down Florida's defense.

Rehberg made it 2-1 when he flipped over Vanbiesbrouck's glove at 16:18. Brind'Amour followed with a power-play goal at 17:36.

The Panthers took a 3-2 lead when St. Louis scored with 5.5 seconds left in the second period when he redirected a Paul LaDue shot by Hextall, who finished with 28 saves.

Philadelphia managed only five shots 15 minutes into the third period as the Flyers had to kill three penalties. But Hawerchuk found Rehberg on Vanbiesbrouck's hillside at 18:53 to send the game into overtime.

Vanbiesbrouck had 43 saves as the Flyers peppered him with a season-high 46 shots to defend.

Both teams were playing short-handed. Florida was without wing Ray Sheppard, the Panthers' playoff scoring leader, who was said to be nursing several injuries. Philadelphia was without John LeClair, who was benched for the flu, for almost the entire game.

It was the first overtime victory for Florida in the last 36 games; the Panthers have played past regulation.

Philadelphia's Mikael Renberg sent the game into overtime when he knotted the score 3-3 with his second goal of the night with 1:07 left in the third period. The score was set by Dale Hawerchuk, who fed the puck from behind the goal to Rehberg at the net.

It was second time the Flyers had come back to tie the game.

Florida's Robbie Niedermayer gave the Panthers a 2-0 lead in the first-period goals.

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Smoltz first 7-game winner

PHILADELPHIA (AP) — John Smoltz became the major leagues' first seven-game winner and Chipper Jones homered and drove in three runs Friday night, leading the Atlanta Braves to their sixth straight win, an 11-0

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Mac. TA captures second straight league title

MACCABI Tel Aviv clinched their second soccer championship in a row and 17th overall yesterday by scoring a 1-0 win over Beitar Jerusalem in the penultimate round of play in the National League.

The Tel Avivians went into the match knowing they needed one point to see them to the title after the only other challengers, Maccabi Haifa, beat Hapoel Kfar Sava on Friday.

The relegation battle is still on, although Beitar Tel Aviv and Maccabi Jaffa, which both won yesterday - still look the most likely to take the drop to the Second Division.

The slots for European competitions are not all decided yet, but Maccabi Tel Aviv are certain to play in the Champions' League preliminary round. The rest of the participants will be decided next week and after the winner of the State Cup is known.

The Second Division returned to action after an unmarked three-week break due to Operation Grapes of Wrath.

Leaders Hapoel Taiba beat Hapoel Ashdod at home to consolidate their lead at the top, but second-place Hapoel Jerusalem, which unlike Taiba has not yet ensured promotion, managed

only a 2-2 away draw with Ness Ziona.

Mac. Tel Aviv 1, Bet, Jerusalem 0 Some 21,000 fans packed into Bloomfield Stadium for what they were sure would be the championship clincher for Maccabi. But against a team like Beitar Jerusalem, nothing can be taken for granted.

Maccabi looked the more dominant side throughout the match, but Beitar was not going to lie down and play dead, even though they themselves had little but pride to play for in this match.

Hapoel Draks looked as if he might score for Maccabi in the early stages of the match, frequently threatening the Beitar defense with dangerous forays from the rear goal.

The Jerusalemites, for their part, were relying on Eli Ohana up front to try and beat Alexander Oborov in the State Cup is known.

Maccabi had its first chance at taking the lead just one minute after the break, when Ehud Kehila was adjudged by referee Meir Levy to have fouled Draks in the area.

But one good turn deserves another, as Avi Nimmari struck the spot kick directly at Itzik Kornstein, who dived low to his right and saved the penalty. Pestic justice, some might say, for the referee's dubious decision.

But Maccabi was not left wanting much longer, as Nimmari made amends for his miss by scoring in the 53rd minute. The move was executed to perfection, as Nimmari received a free kick from the ball, from the halfway line on the right. Just beating the offside trap, he entered the area and rounded Kornstein to slot the ball

home. Maccabi was now well on course to retaining victory, and held on comfortably for the next 38 minutes. The capacity crowd cheered and celebrated from the stands, as their heroes were carried from the pitch shoulders high.

The festivities began in earnest just a few kilometers north of Bloomfield at Kikar Rabin, where many thousands turned out to celebrate another deserved title.

Hapoel Kfar Sava 0, Mac. Haifa 1

On Friday, Haifa kept its championship hopes alive and put pressure on Maccabi Tel Aviv by scoring an unconvining win over lowly Kfar Sava.

Super-sub Ofer Shavit, who started this time, scored the winner in the 12th minute in a match which had a tame look to it, as the visitors had only one more chance to score later in the encounter.

Sagi Katav made it 2-1 for Beitar on 33 minutes and Katav was fouled in the area right on half-time, allowing Moshe Eisenberg to convert the penalty with no time left to play in the second period.

Sagi Katav could have ensured that Maccabi Tel Aviv would win the title on Friday by preventing a Haifa win, but they failed to capitalize on some good opportunities.

Haifa suffered a blow when defender Avi Barak picked up a third yellow card. He will now have to serve a subsequent one-match suspension in the State Cup semifinal against Maccabi Tel Aviv on May 21.

Beitar Tel Aviv 3, Hapoel Bet She'an 2

Beitar gained the only possible result which would keep them in the league by outplaying its opponents at the early game at Bloomfield.

The unusually large crowd for a Beitar Tel Aviv match watched impatiently, because they had actually

come to see Maccabi Tel Aviv secure their title in the second game at the same ground.

But the spectators were not disappointed, as they saw four goals scored, three of them by the underdogs.

Ronnen Schweig set Beitar on route for victory with the opening goal in the seventh minute on a powerful low shot from the edge of the area.

But the Tel Avivians' elation turned to despair seven minutes later when Viachislav Melnikov leveled the score.

Sharon Katav made it 2-1 for Beitar on 33 minutes and Katav was fouled in the area right on half-time, allowing Moshe Eisenberg to convert the penalty with no time left to play in the second period.

Sagi Katav saved a penalty by Bet She'an's Tibor Salai midway through the second half, and that cost the Bet She'anis the chance of a draw, as Yossi Afifa volleyed the visitors' second goal in injury time.

The Tel Avivians will play away against Ironi Rishon next weekend, knowing they will have to win and hope for other results to go their way if they are to remain in the top flight for another season.

Mac. Jaffa 1, Mac. Herzliya 0

Haifa kept its very slim National League hopes alive with a single-goal win which was nevertheless totally deserved.

Herzliya put up little resistance as Jaffa fought valiantly to try and gain

the only result which would give them hope for next weekend.

Substitute Dan Levy headed home the winner in the 77th minute, as Jaffa tried to gain its composure for next weekend's away clash with Hapoel Tel Aviv.

Mac. PT 0, Hapoel Tel Aviv 4

Petah Tikva played this match with as much commitment as an off-season beach kickaround. They obviously knew the season would end already.

Hapoel took its chances and scored four goals, two by Aviyan (42 and 57) and two through Yossi Madar (63 and 70).

The revival at Hapoel Tel Aviv has seen them secure a place in the top five and a berth in the Interclub Cup awaits, although the Tel Avivians have made it clear they would rather use their summer holiday to refresh themselves for the new season, rather than spend it playing in a minor European competition.

Mac. Beerseba 3, Ironi Rishon 0

Bersheba appear to have found a semblance of respectability in the last few weeks and are now safe from relegation worries.

Yesterday's win was one of their most convincing all season and appears to have come when it mattered most.

Leiko Leikowitz opened the scoring for the Negev side in the third minute, with Hisham Zuhbi adding two more, the first in the 12th minute and the second in the 81st from the edge of the penalty box.

Hapoel Haifa 4, Zafirim Holon 1

Haifa should have won this match, played on Friday by an even bigger margin.

Amir Turjeman opened the scoring

from time as Haifa's 6,000 supporters thanked their side for an excellent season in which they did not lose a single home game.

Haifa will now have to hope that lady luck smiles on them and they manage to earn a deserved berth in next season's UEFA Cup.

Bnei Yehuda 1, Hapoel PT 1

The Hatikva Quarter side wasted no time in getting on the scoresheet, as Alon Mizrahi converted a second-minute penalty.

Mizrahi did himself no favors later on, however, as he was sent off a minute before halftime for a foul off the ball on Peleg Tikva's Walid Badr.

By that time, the visitors were already level, after Tomas Cibola, who came on as substitute after 30 minutes, soon vindicated his coach, Guy Levy's decision by scoring in the 38th minute.

SECOND DIVISION After 26 rounds

Mac. Tel Aviv 16 W 4 D 3 L 1 F 1 A 1 Pts 55

Hapoel Jerusalem 14 W 5 D 2 L 2 F 2 A 2 Pts 50

Hapoel Ashdod 10 W 4 D 3 L 3 F 3 A 29 Pts 46

Mac. Acra 8 W 12 D 6 L 5 F 5 A 31 Pts 35

Hapoel Beerseba 7 W 12 D 7 L 5 F 6 A 28 Pts 35

Hapoel Herzliya 10 W 15 D 4 L 3 F 6 A 36 Pts 35

Hapoel Beerseba 6 W 13 D 3 L 5 F 5 A 35 Pts 28

Hapoel Petah Tikva 7 W 7 D 5 L 3 F 4 A 26 Pts 28

Hapoel Tel Aviv 13 W 10 D 3 L 4 F 4 A 29 Pts 32

Hapoel Herzliya 6 W 11 D 6 L 4 F 4 A 26 Pts 32

Hapoel Beerseba 5 W 11 D 5 L 4 F 4 A 26 Pts 32

Zafirim Holon 7 W 5 D 7 L 3 F 4 A 26 Pts 32

Hapoel Herzliya 8 W 6 D 6 L 3 F 4 A 26 Pts 32

Hapoel Herzliya 5 W 11 D 8 L 2 F 4 A 26 Pts 32

Hapoel Herzliya 5 W 11 D 11 L 1 F 1 A 26 Pts 27

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Clalit strike averted, but more sanctions threatened

ALTHOUGH the strikes threatened for today by the Kupat Holim Clalit health fund, the Israel Refineries, and the Secondary School Teachers Union were called off on Friday, a number of other sectors intend to impose sanctions in support of pension, wage and other demands today:

- Bank Mizrahi employees announced plans to shut down all the bank's branches in protest against the management's intention to fire some 250 workers as part of an efficiency move.

- Airports Authority workers are waiting for the outcome of today's cabinet meeting to decide whether to intensify last week's work slowdown into a full-blown strike.

The cabinet is to decide whether to accept the Brodet Commission's recommendations on switching the workers' pension plans from the authority's budget to regular funds.

- Interior Ministry workers are to decide today whether to begin sanctions, depending on the outcome of their meeting this afternoon.

More American companies doing business with Israel

GREER FAY CASHMAN

THE decision by Estee Lauder, the American-headquartered international cosmetics firm to resume operations in Israel, is part of a larger trend of American companies coming to Israel, US Ambassador Martin Indyk said on Friday.

Indyk was speaking at a reception at his home on the occasion of the relaunching of Estee Lauder in Israel, and the release of its new fragrance, Pleasures.

Although the company's products have been on the Israeli market for some 30 years, they have not been highly visible for the past 17 years.

All that will change, promised Ronald S. Lauder, chairman of Estee Lauder International.

Lauder has varied business interests beyond the cosmetics industry, and, according to Indyk,

noon with Treasury wage director Yossi Kucik.

- Israel Aircraft Industries employees are also waiting to see how negotiations between management and the Finance Ministry turn out regarding the implementation of the second part of the company's restructuring plan.

If the two sides cannot reach agreement, the workers intend to introduce sanctions during the week.

The cancellation of the Kupat Holim Clalit and other strikes planned for today also means that threatened solidarity strikes by the elementary school teachers have been called off.

All schools, including kindergartens, are to open as normal.

In Friday's meeting between Finance Minister Avraham Shohat and Histadrut Secretary-General Amir Peretz, ending the strike threat, the two sides agreed on a formula for indemnifying pensioners for the next five years, dating retroactively from March 20.



A visitor stops to feed a cow at the Agritech 96 exhibition, which opened Friday at the Tel Aviv Fair Grounds. Some 400 exhibitors are participating in the fair, which runs through Thursday. (INRIK SINI)

Suspended hospital department head cleared of all charges

PROF. Gavriel Marshak, who was suspended as head of Kaplan Hospital's ear, nose and throat department, was cleared Friday of charges of accepting bribes, violating the public trust and obstructing justice.

He had been charged following a complaint by his secretary to the Kupat Holim comptroller, in which she claimed her boss received money illegally and was guilty of other forms of corruption.

The comptroller launched the investigation six years ago and charges were filed a year ago. At that time, Marshak was suspended

from his work at the Rehovot hospital, but continued treating patients at his private clinic.

Rehovot Magistrate's Court Judge Avital Beit-Ner found that not only had Marshak's actions not harmed Kupat Holim, but they even enhanced the fund's reputation.

Moreover, even when he could have performed certain operations privately for more money, he refrained from placing this financial burden on the patient and allowed him to receive the treatment via the health fund.

"His door was open to all patients, even if they were poor," she noted, acquitting both

Marshak and his wife, who had been charged with suborning witnesses and obstructing justice.

Marshak said justice had finally been done after six years of suffering caused by needless harassment.

His lawyer, Shaul Aloni, said that the investigation had failed to differentiate between rumor and truth and that an injustice had been done to an innocent man and his family for six years.

He added that his client planned to resume his post as head of his department. (GIDI)

Detroit man lived poor, but left almost \$10 million to Jewish institutions

MARILYN HENRY

NEW YORK

A DETROIT man who lived like a pauper turned out to be a prince for three Jewish institutions, who stand to divide nearly \$10 million from his estate.

The Diskin Orphan Home of Israel, Yeshiva Beth Yehuda in suburban Detroit, and the Rabbinical Seminary of America in Queens, New York, which reportedly has a branch in Israel, are named as the beneficiaries of Irvin Abramson, who appeared to be the epitome of a Skid Row bum, but in fact was worth a fortune.

He also noted that Gad Ya'acobi, who has just completed his term as Israel ambassador to the UN, in his new capacity as chairman of the Israel Electric Corporation has signed a contract with Mid Atlantic in Israel's first contract with an American power plant.

Abramson was a frugal man, who dressed in stained and tattered clothes and had spent

decades living in a series of fleabag hotels. He went to the morning minyan at Beth Yehuda, where he would eat breakfast for free. One friend noted that, in 25 years, he had never known Abramson to buy sbaclach.

Abramson died on April 3, his 82nd birthday.

After his death, investigators scoured Abramson's hotel room and his rusting 1975 pink Cadillac. According to the *Detroit Jewish News*, they found moldy food, dirty laundry, \$580 in 1985 travelers' checks and crumpled

financial statements that suggested Abramson, despite the appearance of poverty, had millions.

According to estimates last summer, the newspaper said, his investments generated about \$300,000 a year, but Abramson still lived like a pauper.

Abramson apparently got some cash after World War II, when his family sold its furniture business. An avid reader of company financial reports, he invested in the stock market.

He never married, but lived with his sister until her death 10

years ago. After she died, he rebuffed offers of help from the local Jewish community. He especially resented suggestions that he change his destitute lifestyle, the newspaper said.

The beneficiaries should not start counting the cash yet. Abramson's 10-year-old will left nothing to his family, and his 10 nieces and nephews are vowing to contest it. According to the *Detroit paper*, they claim he was paranoid and possibly incompetent when he drafted the will.

"Whatever money he started out with was derived from the family," said one of the nephews. "He never worked a day in his life."

KUPAT Holim Clalit petitioned the High Court of Justice on Thursday against the government's failure to pay it for treating the mentally ill.

When the National Health Law was originally passed in 1994, it stated that the health funds were not obliged to treat mental illness. This was the government's responsibility. Last June, however, the government issued an administrative order shifting responsibility for mental health onto the health funds. As a result, the petition said, the funds should also have been given additional funding to cover these new expenses.

However, the petition said, this did not occur. Instead, it charged, the state continued to provide mental health services for members of other health funds, but refused either to treat Clalit members or to pay the fund for their treatment.

In January, when Clalit asked to be reimbursed for the previous six months and paid for the upcoming year, the state responded that it had never asked Clalit to take over these services, and was therefore not willing to pay for them.

However, the petition said, Clalit members are still not being treated at government hospitals, leaving Clalit with the choice of either treating these people at its own expense or leaving them without treatment - which it is unwilling to do.

It therefore asked the court to order the state to either pay what it owes or resume treating the mentally ill itself.



Jaffa conference boosts eco-friendly architecture for the Mideast

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which depend on internationally standardized building materials "that are not always appropriate to the region."

Local architects would do better, he says, to study the age-old techniques of Jordanian village architecture, which developed organically in harmony with the surrounding topography.

He showed slides of turn-of-the-century village homes jutting out of mountainsides, and his own project in Pela, Jordan, where he built a guest house from three million tons of rock carried only by villagers and donkeys. The construction process, he said, was designed "to teach them some of their own grandfathers' techniques."

Palestinian architect Omer Youseff presented his firm's projects in Gaza and Marda, near Ariel. His Jerusalem-based firm is concentrating on plastic houses that collect and recycle rainwater through ingenious rooftop systems, and utilize alternative energy sources.

"Our dream is that the refugee camps, where land is scarce, can use these homes to maximize their land," he said. "We believe that if local people are used to build them instead of outside contractors, they will also maintain [the homes]."

Architect Dina Rachavsky, director of planning administration for the Interior Ministry, outlined plans for developing Israel's Mediterranean beachfront, and

Moroccan architect Charles Bocca discussed the preservation of historical sites in his country.

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SOME 120 architects and engineers gathered at the end of the week at Jaffa's Scottish House for an international conference on environmentally friendly architecture in the Middle East, sponsored by the *Itziv* architecture magazine and the *Globes* financial daily.

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